

Prince Albert Friend

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Prince Albert se Gemeenskapsryskool 'n Droom word waar

- Barbara Castle - vertaal deur Denise Ohlson -

Piet Vries het op 'n plaas grootgeword, en vandag nog, op die ouderdom van 44, het hy 'n groot liefde vir die wye vlaktes, die helder berge en diere – veral perde. Dit het hom skoon bedroef toe hy moes toesien hoe trekkers en bakkes die werk van 500 perde oorneem en stalle plek maak vir motorhuise.

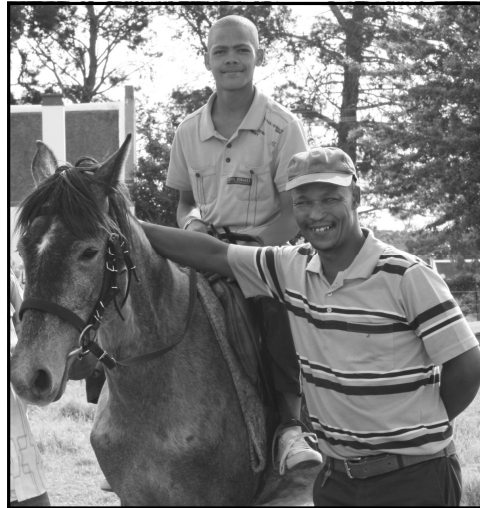
As die pas gestigte Prince Albert Gemeenskapsryskool egter 'n sê in die saak gaan hê, gaan perde weer hul regmatige plek in ons dorp inneem!

As jongman is Piet baie saam met plaasboer Gideon van der Linden na perde-skoue waar hy vurige Saalperde vir die ring voorberei het; hulle geborsel, gevleg en hul hoewe met olie geverf het. Gou het hy geweet perde is nie bloot “goed” wat jy vertoon of gebruik as trekkiers nie. Perde het sy maats geword – betroubaar, minsaam en opreg.

Vandag kan jy maar net vir Piet saam met sy perde sien, en weet hulle voel dieselfde oor hom!

As jong voetsoldaat het hy in die SANW diens gedoen totdat die militêre perde-sentrum in die vroeë sewentigerjare verskuif het na die plaas Welgegend in Potchefstroom. Vrywilligers is gesoek om te kom werk as staljongens en Piet het die geleentheid aangegryp. Hier het hy alles geleer van opsaal, dresseer en perdry. Die inwonende veearts was Dr Brett Bard, vandag Prince Albert se veearts!

Dit is dus te verstane dat Piet met sy terugkeer na Prince Albert vir Brett genader het om hom te help met sy perde. Piet het die weermag verlaat as gevolg van sy gestremdheid – hy het slegs gedeeltelike sig – en het perde gekry by Deon Gouws en Johan Fourie.



Piet Vries met Zola en een van sy jong leerders
(Foto: Sandy Farmer)

Dit was in 'n tyd van erge droogte toe boere dit net nie meer kon bekostig om perde wat wild loop en geen doel dien nie, van kos en water te voorsien.

Piet het sy perde by Treintjesrivier aangehou, 'n projek van die Departement van Landbou so 12 km buite die dorp. Uit sy skamele ongeskiktheidspensioen het hy vir hulle gesorg en soms 'n bydrae gekry van sy vrou Deel, wie by die Lazy Lizard werk.

In 'n gemeenskap waar kinders in hul vrye tyd min of niks te doen het, het Piet gedroom om perde in te span as 'n alternatief vir dwelms, drank en jeugmisdaad. 'n Ryskool sou 'n gawe tydverdrijf wees en nuwe betekenis aan kinders se lewens gee...

Meer as 'n jaar lank het hy sy drie merries opgesaal en kinders in Noordend begin leer om perde met respek te behandel, hoe om vir hulle te sorg en hoe om te ry. Elke Vrydag is hy te voet Treintjesrivier toe om sy perde te gaan haal om oor die naweek saam met die kinders te werk en die perde weer terug te neem plaas toe. Twee keer moes hy Brett inroep omdat sy perde fisiek mishandel is. Hy was baie bekommerd oor hul veiligheid.

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Op 'n dag vertel hy Brett van 'n 3,5 ha eiendom in De Beerstraat 22, wat aan die Departement van Landbou behoort, maar nie gebruik word nie. Saam het hulle besluit om 'n amptelike aansoek aan die departement te rig om die grond as ryskool te gebruik. Die belofte van hope perdemis het aanleiding gegee tot die sekondêre projek van 'n organiese groentetuin, wat ook opvoedkundige waarde vir kinders sal hê.

Dave Rennie is gevra om 'n beleid en aansoek op te stel vir 'n NWO onder die naam Die Prince Albert Gemeenskapsryskool.

Die aansoek is ingedien met die hoofmotivering “om 'n veilige hawe vir die perde te vind wat nader aan die kinders is”. Die finale sê het berus by Jan Johannes, 'n senior beampte by die Departement van Landbou wie hier in Prince Albert gesetel is. Die aansoek is goedgekeur en Piet het pas 'n kontrak geteken wat hom onbepaalde gebruik gee van die grond en die leiwatervir die doel van die twee projekte.

Reeds het hy ruim donasies ontvang: Pale, hekke, besproeiingspype en draad van Ann Kerr, 'n uithangbord van Lello Incendiario en veertien pale en 'n hek van Wendy Davies – wie ook aangebied het om Piet te borg vir die Soweto Ryskool* later in November, waar hy Enos Mafokate sal ontmoet. Enos is 'n Springbok perdespringer en ook die stigter van die Soweto Ryskool. Hier sal hy meer leer oor die administrasie en effektiewe bestuur van so 'n skool.

(Vervolg op p 14)

† Farewell Keith Goudie (1931 - 2011)

We were saddened by the passing in October of one of Prince Albert's best-known residents. Keith was talented in many areas and was quietly involved in various community activities in the town. He was known for the twinkle in his eye, his good sense of humour and his broad general knowledge. He contributed regularly to the *Friend* and for several years penned our 'Christian Perspective'.

Most recently Keith wrote for us about his helicopter flip to Gamkaskloof during the Olive Festival. He invited a friend to join him and also treated his young goddaughter to a trip. Asked whether he would do the flight again, he replied: "I'd be there like a herd of turtles!"

Our thoughts are with his family and many friends. We miss him sorely.

Prince Albert Friend Editorial Committee

A Christian Perspective

Wees bly saam die wat wie bly is. Gedeelde blydschap is tog so yl onder ons aardse bewoners. Min mense deel in jou vreugde; eerder raak hulle afgunstig of wag dat iets weer verkeerd loop. Weet, in jou suksesse (en mislukings) is God altyd by jou. Hy verlaat jou nooit nie. In jou blydschap kan net jy volkome uitbundig wees, want net jy weet wat dit gekos het om jōu geluk te behaal. Partykeer verwag mense van jou wat jy nie kan of moet of wil gee nie en dan moet jy baie prysgee. Liefde, vriendskap, geleenthede... moet jy ontbeer - om jouself te wees tot voordeel van jou geluk. Dit is die moeite werd om opofferings te maak; jy vergemaklik jou toekoms.

Dis hoekom jy nie moet ophou glo in jouself en in jou Maker nie. Mense mag sê jy't 'n houding, jy's selfsugtig, verwaand, onsportief, dweperig... maar laat dit sō wees as jy weet jy gaan positief vorentoe. Jou uitgangspunt is geloof in God, in jouself en dit wat jy kan vermag deur Sy krag. Jy't nodig om in jouself te glo wanneer ander mense opgehou glo het, mense jou veroordeel op grond van wat hulle sien en hoor, voor hulle moeite gedoen het om jou te leer ken.

Buitendien: Jy skuld net jouself en God 'n verduideliking oor jouself en jou lewe.

Ten slotte gee ek u as leser dié spieël:

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You are a blessing!
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that your spirit utters?
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Sons of Abraham.
Daughters of Sarah.
Lily-white descendants.

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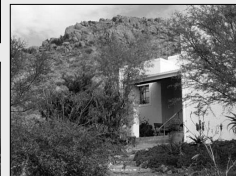
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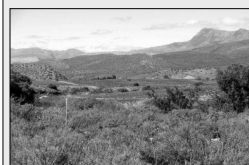
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Who's the dirty rascal?

I refer to JP's letter to the *Prince Albert Friend* "Akin to a form of violence" in the August issue, and Shireen's letter "Consider your neighbour" in the September issue.

I am replying as co-owner of a property which has a neighbour - I use the word "neighbour" with hesitation; the dictionary says: "esp. regarded as one who should be friendly" - building a house, which indeed looks to be a towering presence and indeed will invade my space and rob me of privacy and seclusion and may even lower the property's market value. Never once did the "neighbour" discuss the building's plans, or any possible implications to me or my property.

I am writing this after a lot of thought and with, to be honest, a sense of futility. This is not the first time this issue has been raised, nor will it be the last, I fear. And I agree with JP, Shireen and any other people of like mind, that our rights are being violated, even if the law says otherwise. Interesting to note that the house to which I am referring apparently has been designed and built within building regulation parameters.

When I was a small child, we played an action game. The child who could climb the highest had the right to rhyme: "I'm the king of the castle, you're the dirty rascal". It seems to me that some people just haven't matured, and are still playing the same game. The fact that some of us feel the words in the rhyme should be reversed just doesn't seem to matter.

Maybe we need to look beyond the obvious. Maybe, we need to look long and hard at what is happening to Prince Albert. Maybe we need to see why what was once a good, solid, caring and active community is appealing to people who act without thought, people who visit occasionally and contribute very little to the town, people who want to use the

town purely for financial gain. Can community spirit be resuscitated? Can we attract people with compassion and honest values, rather than those who see Prince Albert as ripe for picking? Can we stop playing childish games?

Romy Mathews

Thank you to Annelie Rabie

I would like to thank Cllr Annelie Rabie for making a huge difference in my life. She assisted me in applying for the Municipality's equitable share support for water and electricity. As a pensioner I did not know that I could qualify for this discount - since the inception of this programme around 2006, no one, not even a councillor, nor an official from the Municipality has ever contacted me about this programme. I am also not aware that it was ever advertised in the *Prince Albert Friend* or circulated in the monthly accounts by the Municipality.

I feel sure that there are many people in Prince Albert who may be in the same position. So, if your combined household income is R2 500.00 or less, any family can apply and in fact, qualifies, for this support. Contact your Ward councillor to learn more.

Diana Mary Jacobsz

Keith Goudie's valuable role at the Museum

The Control Board of the Fransie Pienaar Museum extend their deepest sympathy to Robert, Tim, Cathy and Simon on the passing of their father.

Keith Goudie served on our Control Board for almost ten years until 2002. From 1994 he was Chairperson of the Board for five years. He was a great spirit in museum matters, supported by his wife, Pat who also served on our Control Board. For most

of that time I was Curator of the Museum and it was a pleasure working with them. Keith gave unrelentingly of his time and he helped establish a good bookkeeping system for the Museum.

In 1999 he initiated the Museum project of the naming of the Robert Gordon Koppie and organised a visit by Patrick Cullinan, author of *Robert Jacob Gordon 1743 – 1795 The Man and His Travels at the Cape*, to perform the naming ceremony on 23 April 1999.

Keith was the driving force behind the establishment of the Prince Albert Educational and Heritage Trust in 1999. The Trust was established to protect the contents of the Fransie Pienaar Museum and all the funds in the Trust are earmarked for the needs of the Museum. Keith was the founding trustee.

In typical Fransie Pienaar Museum fashion Keith was one of the many volunteers who give so much of themselves for the existence and survival of our museum.

We honour and thank him for his great contribution.

Lydia Barrella
Fransie Pienaar Museum

Rommel wat rondlê

Ek skryf my brief na aanleiding van Noord End-woonbuurt se vullis probleem. Dit is regtig skandelik om te sien hoe lyk die woonbuurt waar ons mense bly en waar hulle hul kinders groot maak. Dit is hartseer om te dink die kinders moet in so 'n omgewing skool gaan en opgroei!

Ek dink as elke persoon verantwoordelikheid neem vir sy of haar vullis en dit in 'n swartsak of drom sit sal dit baie help. Die munisipaliteit verskaf tog immers drie maal 'n jaar verniet swartsakke aan alle huishoudings. En die ouers

moet hul kinders leer om nie rommel te strooi nie. Maar daar is nog 'n probleem – die rondloper honde wat in die nag die vullis uitgooi. Vullissakke moet nie gesit word waar die honde dit in die hande kan kry nie.

Ek maak 'n voorstel om die werklose mense en die kinders wat nie wil skoolgaan nie te kry om die rommel op te tel, want dit is regtig 'n skande om te sien hoe lyk ons woonbuurt. Dis maar my mening.

Mev A Willemse

Love Your Neighbour

I commend both JP Meyer's and Shireen Reid's letters about the value of being mindful of your neighbours in the August and September editions, respectively, of the *Friend*, as well as Derek Thomas' letter, "An Octopus on your Roof", in the September issue.

I suggest that all our estate agents hand copies of these three letters to all would-

be buyers so that they gain some insight into the mood and expectations of Prince Albert's residents vis-à-vis their neighbours.

It's good to remember the words from Scripture, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself".

John McKenna

Thanks to the Traffic Department

I would like to thank Municipal Traffic Officer Mark Februarie for his prompt and courteous service on 6 October in stopping the giant construction trucks that were turning into the narrow Bergsig Street from the Swartberg entrance to town. The trucks drove down the narrow part of Nuwe Street transporting landfill to a building site on the intersection of Bank and Nuwe Streets.

About 40 of these trucks traversed a quiet residential street over a period of four weeks causing considerable noise and street damage. I stopped one of the drivers

but this had no effect.

In future, I would like to see construction companies getting the necessary permits should they insist on moving their equipment along narrow residential streets in Prince Albert. These companies should post a public notice to inform residents what is happening, how long they will be disturbed and provide a contact number for questions.

Sally Arnold

Megan, Five Star Tourism Trainee

Well done, Megan Hannies, the Tourism Office's trainee tourism officer! Megan, who has been with the Tourism Office for the last year, won a range of academic and sporting awards – including the top academic performance in Grade 12 - at Hoërskool Zwartberg's end of year prize-giving evening on 13 October. Megan is also head girl at the School.

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Sterreprag oor Prince Albert

- Hans Daehne -

In November the huge Square of Pegasus becomes an outstanding evening feature of our night sky while looking to the north and should thus be in a position to be admired by everybody - the stargazing enthusiast or someone who just gives an occasional upwards glance - because it is just going to be there ... in all its splendour and easy to identify. The diagonals of the square extended upwards (southwards) point to lesser-known constellations of the Zodiac. The one from lower right to upper left (along the neck of the horse) points to Aquarius, the eleventh and complicated sign of the Zodiac. The other diagonal from the lower left corner of the square to the upper right points towards Pisces, the last sign of the Zodiac.

If you look carefully on a dark night you will notice two strings of stars in that region joined above the upper right corner of the square. At the other end of the "strings" you will find little circles of stars, which represent the fishes tied together at their tails with the starry ribbon. Yes, you need a little bit of imagination but these stars represent a lovely story: When the sea monster Typhon threatened Venus and her son Amor the two jumped into the sea and became fishes so that they could escape. Not to lose each other though, they tied a ribbon around their tails. These stars in the sky represent mother and son tied together with a ribbon of love. At present it is also in Pisces where we still have the Spring Equinox (since the birth of Christ) in the northern hemisphere. But not for long anymore since the Spring Equinox point is changing into Aquarius. So, although inconspicuous these two Zodiac constellations of Aquarius and Pisces are quite important.

After Pisces it's time to start from the beginning of the Zodiac again with Aries, Taurus and Gemini, our summer constellations culminating soon.

Mercury (mag. -0.3) will be visible for an hour after sunset at the beginning of the month but only from Gordon's Koppie as it will become closer to the sun.

Venus will extend its brightness (mag. -3.9) and visibility this month as the "evening star" for a few hours after sunset.

On the 7th of November at 20h00 it will be worthwhile to have a look at an unobstructed western horizon to see Venus, Mercury and the red Antares grouped together.

Full Moon will be on the 10th and New Moon on the 25th of November.

Jupiter (mag. -2.9), in the constellation of Aries, rises in the east at sunset as it was at opposition to the sun i.e. in the "Full-Jupiter" position on the 29th of October. It and its four bright Galilean Moons can be enjoyed even in a pair of binoculars when you hold the binoculars very still on some kind of support.

Saturn is only visible for early risers for an hour before sunrise in the constellation of Virgo.

NASA/ESA's Hubble Space Telescope with its new cameras has taken beautiful photos of the evidence of Dark Matter which itself is invisible. Dark Matter is believed to be the force causing the deformed galaxies that the HST took pictures of in really deep space.

Keep the stars in your eyes!

The next edition of the *Prince Albert Friend* will be the last edition of 2011. After that we take a breather and reappear at the end of January 2012!

This is an opportunity to wish your clients, customers, colleagues and friends well over the festive season.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MUST REACH THE FRIEND BY 14 NOVEMBER 2011



FUTURE EVENTS

November 2011

2 November: Prince Albert Garden Club outing to Brett Bard's farm, 08:30, Fransie Pienaar Museum

5 November: Prince Albert VLV, The Olive Branch, 09:30

18 November: Bloedskenk, St John's Kerkzaal, Bankstraat, 11:30 – 14:30

18 November: Jason Jaftha-dineë, Hoërskool Zwartberg-saal, 18:00. Kaartjies: R80 elk

19 & 20 November: P A Kultuurstigting, Hexpas-Ecotrek

22 November: Municipal Council Meeting, Raadsaal, 10:00

26 November: Stargazing with Astro Tours

27 November: Karoo Carols by Candlelight, St John's, 19:00

December 2011

17 December: Christmas Market, Markie, 08:00 – 12:00



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(Letters... Continued from p 5)

We know Megan as a determined and hard worker who has contributed a lot to the Tourism Office. You have done us all proud, Megan, and we wish you well for your Matric exams and for your studies next year.

*Jeremy Freemantle
Chairperson, Tourism EXCO*

Why do residents have to sponsor road signs?

Having lived on the main road for the last 12 years, my major complaint has always been the traffic, in particular the trucks that have no regard for the residents or road signs.

I have written articles to newspapers about the trucks travelling in Church Street; I have sent pictures of my old building cracking; I have had to make excuses to irate guests who expect a peaceful sleep in a town which we promote as off the beaten track with no air

pollution, light pollution or sound pollution; I have asked why we cannot do something to stop the overloaded trucks with airbrakes from entering town at Millers Restaurant and driving to the BP garage. I have written to both the Municipality and the Roads Department requesting signs saying 'No Airbrakes' and I have contacted the owners of the trucking companies asking them to assist us, only to be told to tell someone that cares.

Imagine my surprise finally to see the new 'No Airbrakes' sign, but again I have to ask the question what is the point of having these signs at only one entry point to town - North End? Entering town from the N1 most homes are well off the main road and to the left is the golf course and shops. Please don't get me wrong, the residents living at the northern entrance of town are entitled to a good night's sleep, but why are these signs not on the South End side as well? Most of the town's accommodation establishments are in that area.

Who's decision was it to put up the signs and why was the town not asked for their opinion? If the sign was sponsored, could

someone please tell me why residents have to put up signs to get a decent night's sleep?

*Lisa Smith
Onse Rus Guesthouse*

Die volgende uitgawe van die *Prince Albert Vriend* is die laaste uitgawe van 2011. Daarna neem ons 'n blaaskans en verskyn weer aan die einde van Januarie 2012!

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Brett the Vet: Egg on Your Facebook

Feathered friends online also run the risk of becoming a statistic rather than something to crow about. Tainted transactions make awkward meal of the simplest sacrifices.

At the breakfast celebration a unanimous vote of twenty-five delighted hands hover in a frozen wave of anticipation, faces drooling at the gastrological connotations of a 'sunny side up' choice. A silver wedding anniversary figure demonstrating unflustered support for the expanding factories that incarcerate the estimated 18 million laying hens in South Africa crammed even now into row upon row of cages for their 265 day lives of 'productivity'. A quarter century vote condoning yolks of cruelty without a moment's consideration. One, two, three embryos plus more where those came from, nestled among the charred rashers of pig flesh. Two dirty dozen and one cheers for battery hens that supply constant demand for their fragile reproductive treasures, laboured over daily and stolen for frying, baking, scrambling, cracking, cracked - crackpot maybe but this represents serious, illegal cruelty to animals for the sake of profit over nutrition, relished on a vast unchallenged scale over easy.

The same hands rear fancy fowl favourites in the comfort of their own homes wincing at the mere suggestion of pet poultry for the pot, while gnawing on a Kentucky Fried Cruelty drumstick. A

free range token gesture appears to placate half-baked protests at commercial hen house horrors.

The story is a familiar one: macerated male chicks; hens three to a fooscap cage excruciatingly debeaked and deroed to prevent cannibalism mania notwithstanding; artificial light forcing increased production; no facility for normal behaviour like perching, preening, or dust bathing; avian flu viruses poised to wipe out the whole lot and the humans too for their part in the barbarism.

Too much of a bad thing doesn't stop at the egg, which came first in high cholesterol stakes with uncertain detrimental effects on heart and circulatory system health, links to diabetes, and high incidence of food allergies in infants. The effects of antibiotics, hormones, and environmental degradation from the industry are also well documented.

The challenge and solution is to personally demand unequivocally free-range eggs. This accessible and powerful gesture to support sustainable and humane farming is specific and effective. And if the verity of the claim is too vague to ascertain then one step further eggs can be conveniently omitted altogether. The alternatives that do the same job cheaper without the cruelty while improving taste and texture are the following:

Firstly you need to determine why your recipe calls for eggs.

If it is for leavening one of the following can be used to replace each good egg:

- ¼ cup of soft parboiled tofu
- ¼ cup apple sauce
- One mashed ripe banana
- 3T pureed dried fruit
- 1T Ground flaxseed + 3T water.

The finished product will be light and fluffy.

If it is for binding:

- 2 T corn starch + 2T water
- 2T potato starch + 2T water
- 2T instant mashed potatoes
- 2t baking powder + 2T water + 1T oil.

The finished product will be dense and thick.

In custards and quiches each egg can be replaced with ¼ cup soft pureed tofu.

To replace just egg white use plain agar powder (1T + 1T water whipped chilled then whipped again).

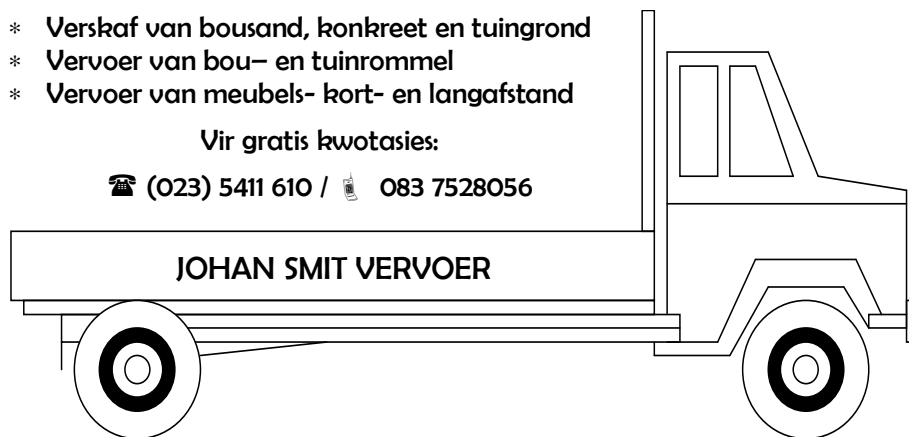
It is not difficult to implement these substitutes with a little imagination once one has taken the decision not to buy into the rotten egg business. Removing the yoke of custom and thinking out of the egg box brings light relief from the tyrannical trappings of tradition and whips up conscientious consumer compassion.

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New Release - R 1,050m

Lovely brakkdak style home in very central position offering loads of charm and eccentric interest. Very beautiful original reed ceilings with poplar beams are perfectly preserved - three bedrooms with two bathrooms, and inter leading living and dining areas - large eat in kitchen with separate scullery area. The grounds of 700m² provide ample space for children and pets, and there is a shaded pergola for relaxation and reflection.



R 1, 2m

The cutest 1906 Karoo cottage with two bedrooms and many original features, including wooden floors, sash windows and lovely shutters. In addition to the house, a separate garden flat nestles in a magical garden with masses of trees, Karoo style pool, "bakoond" and storage facility. On two stands measuring 800m² in total, this home is in an excellent position and has enormous appeal.



R 2,5m

Historic 1851 Cape Dutch home in prime position. Standing on 1600m² of land, with generous leiwater allocation with dam, the main house has many of the original features - soaring ceilings, yellowwood and oregon doors and stained glass entrance doors. Accommodation comprises huge inter leading living areas serviced by open plan (yet to be completed) kitchen with pantry, with double doors opening to covered porch area. This property is a work in progress and the options and possibilities are numerous!



de Rust - R 2,5m

This 7 ha productive farm with abundant water rights, has beautiful views in all directions! The homestead has three bedrooms and two bathrooms, large kitchen and good living areas leading to north facing verandah's. The original barn on the property has been converted into guest cottage with large open plan living and entertainment area. Excellent investment potential!

Rabie: "I want to move on"

- Linda Jaquet -

On 27 October, the *Friend* asked DA Councillor Annelie Rabie for her comment on articles that had appeared in the *Business Report* of 18 October 2011 and the *Sunday Times* of 23 October 2011. The newspaper reports referred to the firing of Dr Rabie as CEO of Business Against Crime Western Cape (BACWC) in June of this year after "a disciplinary hearing found her guilty of unauthorised expenditure."

Cllr Rabie referred the *Friend* to her media statement on the reports, which was made available by her lawyer, Edmund Booth Attorneys. She added that she "would hold you [the *Friend*] responsible for printing the criminal records of the all the councillors on Council. I do not have one."

Cllr Rabie's media statement reads as follows:

"Media Statement

During March 2011, I announced my

intention to resign from my position as CEO of BAC Western Cape with the specific intention to move to Prins Albert and again enter local government politics at the request of the community of Prins Albert. I intended leaving BAC at the end of June 2011.

Subsequently during April/May 2011 serious differences arose between the members of the Board of the BAC and myself, whereupon I offered to resign.

I thereafter underwent a disciplinary hearing which found that I had incurred unauthorized expenditures including expenditure with my BAC credit card.

I place the following on record:

- 1. I was not found guilty of fraud or corruption.*
- 2. I did not "inflate" my salary as stated in the report in the Cape Times.*
- 3. I categorically deny that I "gave" myself a car allowance of R8 000.00 as*

stated in the Cape Times report.

- 4. I was at all times paid my salary and other benefits as agreed to and approved by the Board of Directors of BACWC.*
- 5. At no stage whatsoever was an amount of "R400 000.00 as damages" ever raised by the Board of Directors of BACWC or at the disciplinary hearing. I deny that BACWC suffered damages or loss as a result of expenditures which I incurred during my tenure as its CEO.*
- 6. I categorically deny that there are any grounds for criminal charges against me.*
- 7. BACWC did not suffer any financial loss as a result of the so called unauthorized expenditure.*

I have always been of the view and still am, that the matter could have been resolved without resulting in the disciplinary hearing. I furthermore believe that the outcome of the hearing would have been different, had I chosen at the time to defend it by making use of legal counsel.

My termination of service during June 2011 was referred to the CCMA as a dispute and has still not been finalized.

I do not, however, consider it worth the expense and effort to go through an extensive arbitration procedure to be reinstated in view thereof that I in any event intended leaving BAC in June 2011.

I reiterate that I did not in anyway act outside my mandate as CEO of BACWC. BACWC did not suffer any financial or reputational loss as a result of the unauthorized expenditures.

Should it be necessary, I will proceed with a labour dispute and other legal action, but at this point in time I am not interested in any further relationship with BACWC and intend moving forward with new ventures in business and at local government level in Prins Albert specifically to fulfil my social responsibilities to that community.

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- Yolande Singery -

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For example, if the capital gain (the selling price minus the base cost of the property) of a company, CC or trust is R1 million, 50% of the capital gain of R1 million, i.e. R500 000.00, is added to the income of the company, CC or trust.

If there is no other income, the R500 000.00 would represent the income of the company, CC or trust. The amount of tax levied would depend on the tax rate of the body concerned.

Yolande Singery is a property consultant at Seeff Properties, Prince Albert.

(Gemeenskapsryskool... Vervolg vanaf p 1)

Op 'n wonderlike manier het Piet man- alleen en met die minimum fondse sy perde in uitstekende kondisie gehou - en die kinders se belangstelling het bly groei. Dat hy aansienlike fondse nodig het om die projek ten volle te ontwikkel, is so, maar met sy bewese status as verbeterde vasbyter het hy die vermoë om 'n kommersiële sukses daarvan te maak.

Die ryskool het tans drie merries, Isis, Galeoppi en Zola; 'n halfbloed Arabiese hings met die naam Boy, en Isis se maandoue vulletjie, Speedo.

Donasies vir 'n drukgang en stalle sal met groot waardering aanvaar word. So ook tuie, hardehoede, langbroeke, hakskoene vir kinders en verseker ook perdevvoer. As jy enigins wil help, bel Piet by 074 488 8103 of Brett by 072 601 2496.

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MUSEUM NUUS: 'n Onverwagte Besoeker



Melony Moos, Tertius Meintjies, Lydia Barrella en Christeline Esterhuizen (Foto: Linda Jaquet)

Dinsdag-middag, 4 Oktober, ongeveer 15h00 stap 'n lang, donkerkop man en 'n middelmatige blondkop die paadjie af. Ek, Melony, op pad kantoor toe, maar skielik verander ek in 'n soutpilaar. Spraakloos staan ek, terwyl die man se warm, vriendelike sjarme my oorweldig. Hulle binne gelaat, soek dié man dadelik vir Lydia Barrella. Ek begelei hulle kantoor toe waar mev. Barrella werksaam is.

Ek, Christeline, oppad vanaf die Toerisme-kantoor, word amper ten gronde gewerp soos my kollega op my afpyl. Tamatie rooi uiter sy "Ou pel raai wie is hiér binne?" Voor ek die kloutjie by die

oor kry, is sy gang af en volg my voete doodnuuskierig.

In die kantoor beduie haar wysvinger ewe gebiedend na die eetkamer: "KYK DAAR!" Sy seël dit boonop met 'n klap agter my linkerlong. My oë gewaar mev. Barrella, 'n blondine en toe die lang, donkerkop man. My longe hou dadelik op met rook, veral ná sy sjarmante "Hallo!" My lyf soek die naaste stoel, na ek net kon wuif en ek weer die suurstofweg betree het. Melony staan op aandag vir ons bekende "vat vyf" en al wat ek kan uiter is "gevaarlik!"

Mev. Barrella kom op daardie oomblik

die kantoor binne en ons bespring haar: "Mevrou, kan ons sy handtekening kry asb.?" Sy's heel verbaas, opgewonde en van stryk gebring: "Wie is HY dan?" Nog 'n "vat vyf" volg tesame met 'n verduideliking.

Ons weet u as leser is nou al duiselig van ingehoue nuuskierigheid en ons kry u wind SMS "Sê wie's hy?" So kom ons eindig u nagreis.

Die blondkop was Anel Mostert sy metgesel en die sjarmante, donkerkop man was die akteur Tertius Meintjies, wat onlangs te sien was op SABC2 in die herhaling van 'Malan & Kie'. O ja...en hy's so sexy soos op die kassie.

Mnr. Meintjies het 'n 90-minute onderhoud met mev. Barrella gevoer oor wyle Jan Schoeman (Outa Lappies). Sy het ook vir hom nog name van persone wat dalk vir hom tot hulp kan wees, gegee.

Dinsdagoggend is ons weer verras toe hy sonder waarskuwing opdaag by die Fransie Pienaar Museum. Tydens dié besoek het ons, Chris & Mella, opgetree as sy PA's toe ons vir hom reël vir 'n onderhoud met mnr. Alfred Voetpad en ander take vir hom verrig het. Hy't ook onderhoude met verskeie persone gevoer om inligting te bekom vir sy moontlike uitstalling oor Outa Lappies vir 2012 se KKNK.

Vrydag se fotosessie bewys dat ons nie dagdroom nie. Ons het bewys dat die akteur, Tertius Meintjies, ons by drie geleenthede vereer het met sy sjarmante, plat op die aarde persoonlikheid. Ons deel die oomblikke met u. Ons, Mella & Chris, besit ook sy persoonlike notas aan elkeen van ons gerig, gevaarlik, né?

Ter afsluiting wil ons sê: "Hou u oë oop, u mag dalk self 'n bekende media persoonlikheid raakloop, dis nie aldag dat mens 'n akteur in lewende lywe sien nie. Hou ook die volgende uitgawe se Museumnuus dop. Ons mag u dalk weer verras met nog 'n sappige, uitmuntende brokkie nuus."

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Integrated Development Planning (IDP) vital for our community

Some people may not have known what IDP stood for, even though it is extremely important for this municipal district. To quote from the document (readily available on the web) entitled 'An Overview of the IDP Process:' "IDPs are required to be undertaken by all District and Local Municipalities. The IDPs set out the development vision for the municipality and allies this to dedicated projects to be undertaken over the lifespan of the IDP (5 years)."

Put simply, the IDP is a sophisticated 'wish list' of all development projects for the municipal district over a five-year period. It incorporates the ideas, needs and suggestions for a better service delivery from the whole community. The method of developing the plan is very clearly laid down and begins with determining the present level of development and goes on to identify priorities for the future. The process includes costs, examination of budgets and 'how the job can be done.' The final approval of the plan must be done before submission to the Department of Local Government in November 2011, and the final IDP approval that is in May 2012.

Naturally there will be financial constraints; there would be little point in drawing up grandiose plans without the money to finance them.

The Prince Albert Municipality has been working on the IDP since early this year, carrying out a long list of tasks designed to ensure that all goes smoothly and that nothing is left out. Recently the IDP Representative Forum was established, which consists of competent persons from each of the many organisations in and around Prince Albert e.g. the Cultural Heritage Foundation, Community Police Forum, Thursday Group, NGOs, Church organizations and more.

Emphasis has been placed on getting wide-ranging views and input in the drawing up of the IDP. From the Executive Mayor, councillors, and municipal officials, to National and Provincial departments. Everybody will have an opportunity, through one channel or another, to have their say. There is even a plan for certain municipal officials to go door-to-door throughout the district to get residents' views.

It has also been made clear that the IDP must focus on poverty alleviation and gender equity while drawing on legislation that includes local government, finance, land & agriculture, water affairs and more.

The 'wish list' of projects and developments may include such things as additional water storage tanks, road improvements, storm water controls and electricity upgrading. In short it may include any project (other than housing) that will benefit the community as a whole. If a 'wish' isn't on the list then it will not receive attention.

The documents setting out precisely how the IDP should be handled are long and, at first glance, complicated. Yet the whole process is well thought out and done with the very best intentions. It is important that you assist in making every effort to achieve a practical and meaningful development for our community by putting your suggestions forward.

So, now's a good time for our members to give a little thought as to what might benefit the Prince Albert community. And if you come up with any bright ideas be sure to pass them on to Kelly Cloete, our representative on the Forum, right away!

Youthful Heritage Experience



- Derek Thomas -

The sun rose on Heritage Day heralding perfect weather for the Cultural Foundation's schools' outing to the Swartberg. 56 Learners and their teachers (including 22 from the visiting Percy Mdala School in Knysna) all arrived bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at *Eerstewater* eager to celebrate the holiday.

The outing was intended to provide first-hand experience of the Swartberg... and the need for proper maintenance. Various experts accompanied the groups in cars and on foot using the outdoor 'classroom' to maximum advantage.

Judy Maguire talked about the tectonic formation of the Swartberg, geological transitions, the inland sea and fossil deposits. While Sue Dean covered the diversity of plant life relative to altitude. Thomas Bain's magnificent engineering feat, starting at the vantage point above *Droëwaterval*, was discussed with "ooohs!" and "aaahs!"

This was followed by a drive to *Die Top* giving everyone a chance to observe the changing vegetation and temperature. And the day's highlight was when field ranger, Luvuyo Godloza from CapeNature, showed the group a rock face where

unusual 'growths' appeared to be fossils. A rare endemic chameleon was seen clinging to the fynbos and became the celebrity of the day.

Then at *Ou Tol* it was time to feed the hungry masses and everyone lined up for packets of spoilers and hot dogs. Like the Pied Piper, Luvuyo then led the fifty-odd group on a short trail over the *Platbergnek* where the diversity of the fynbos species is well labelled.

The day ended at the landmark cork tree, and the exhausted learners were driven back to Prince Albert with a reminder that they would all have to complete questionnaires in the classroom later in the week.

The Prince Albert Cultural Foundation thanks the following sponsors for making this important outing possible: CapeNature R1000.00; the Tourism Association R1000.00; and the Thursday Group R500.00.



We're part of a great heritage!

- Sandy Swanepoel -

Nombeko Ngubeni, the HOD of Physical Sciences at Percy Mdala Senior Secondary School in Knysna and Lesley van Heerden, science and maths teacher at Albert College, have always dreamt about the possibility of Percy Mdala's science club visiting Prince Albert. Nombeko wanted to "show the learners the mountains and the amazing biodiversity of the Swartberg." Little did we realise that our planned excursion would coincide with an invitation by the PACF to Albert College to join them in the Heritage Day outing!

Fifty-six youngsters were treated to an unforgettable trip into the mountains. The first stop was at *Eerstewater* where Judy Maguire and Sue Dean told us about the formation of the mountains and the precious water resource of the river. "This was once sea" we were told and this was met with exclamations of: "Never! Could it be?" "Wow!" We were told that beneath our feet was a large underground aquifer filled with fresh water, Prince Albert's naturally occurring 'dam'.

The group continued up the Pass, stopping periodically to learn about the Pass' history. We admired the original dry-walling construction and the diversity of vegetation. The air held all the special magic of a Karoo morning in spring and the mountains breathed their energy.

A short stop at *Die Top* gave many a first-time opportunity to gaze towards Calitzdorp and Oudtshoorn. The cold wind drove us down to the *Ou Tol* where a picnic lunch was waiting.

Afterwards the CapeNature guide took us on a short walk above the *Ou Tol* buildings and down towards the Gamkaskloof road. We were instructed on the 'do's and don'ts' of mountain walking and before returning to Prince Albert, Sue Dean told us what to look out for on the walk.

Ry die waterkar as jy swanger is

Net een glas alcohol kan ongebore baba knou

- Karla Janse van Vuuren -

Die eerste Wêrelddag vir Bewusmaking van Fetale Alkohol-sindroom was 9 September 1999 (9/9/'99). Dié datum is gekies om bewustheid te bevorder dat vroue in die nege maande van hul swangerskap geheelonthouers moet wees.

Fetale alkoholsindroom (FAS) is 'n gestremdheid wat te wyte is aan die ma se alkoholgebruik tydens swangerskap, verduidelik mnr. Francois Grobbelaar, uitvoerende hoof van FASfacts, 'n niefwingsgewende organisasie wat die publiek inlig oor die gevolge wat alkohol-inname deur swanger vroue vir hul ongebore babas inhou.

“Navorsing het bewys selfs net een glas

alkohol kan veroorsaak dat die ongebore baba erge skade ly,” sê Grobbelaar.

Volgens dr. Elmarie Basson, 'n ginekoloog, kan FAS eers ná geboorte gediagnoseer word. “'n Baba met FAS sal onder meer die volgende toon: mikrokefalie ('n klein koppie), 'n afwesige filtrum ('n lang bo-lip sonder enige lyntjies tussen die neus en die middel van die bo-lip) en afwesige voue op die handpalms. 'n Kind met FAS sal later ook groei-, gedrags- en leerprobleme hê, asook sielkundige en psigiatrisse probleme.”

Grobbelaar voeg by die ergste skade wat aangerig kan word deur alkohol is lewenslange breinskade wat erge gedragsafwykings tot gevolg het met gepaardgaande maatskaplike euwels vir die persoon met

FAS, asook vir Suid-Afrika as geheel.

Net 'n knertsie?

“Baie swanger vroue wonder of hulle nie maar nou en dan ietsie kan drink nie. Die antwoord is 'n absolute nee! Geen alkohol is 'veilig' is nie; alle alkohol is soos gif vir die uiters gevoelige fetus. Internasionale navorsing het reeds bewys géén alkohol tydens swangerskap is die enigste opsie,” sê Grobbelaar.

Basson stem saam en sê dat die fetus in die eerste trimester (sowat 13 weke van swangerskap) veral kwesbaar is. “Maar ek moet byvoeg, daar is nie voldoende bewyse dat klein hoeveelhede alkohol (een tot twee eenhede) een tot twee keer per week skade sal aanrig nie.

“Een eenheid is 'n halwe bier, 100 ml wyn en 'n enkele sopie van 'n spiritus soos jenever, vodka of rum.

“Hoe laer die persentasie alkohol in die drankie, hoe beter. Bier bevat gewoonlik 5% alkohol, wyn ongeveer 12% en whisky sowat 40%.”

Die babas van swanger vroue wat gereeld meer as ses eenhede alkohol per week drink of hulle gereeld vergryp, gaan waarskynlik met FAS gebore word, sê Basson.

Grobbelaar meen vroue moet al drie maande voor swangerskap ophou om alkohol te gebruik sodat die liggaam gesuiwer kan word van alle giftige stowwe.

“As die moontlikheid bestaan dat jy swanger kan raak, mag jy geen alkohol drink nie. Jy kan dalk swanger wees sonder dat jy dit besef. Die ernstige, lewenslange en onomkeerbare skade van alkohol op die fetus word heeltemal onderskat in Suid-Afrika.”

Oeps, ek is swanger

Daar is vroue wat eers in die agtste week uitvind hulle is swanger en in dié agt weke nog saam 'n glasie geklink het. Moet die gevaarklokkies lui?

“Ja, beslis. Die kans dat jou ongebore baba reeds benadeel is, is goed. Dit sal net help as jy onmiddellik heeltemal ophou drink sodat nog skade nie aangerig word nie. Onthou, die brein ontwikkel dwarsdeur die swangerskap, en ook nog twee jaar ná geboorte,” sê Grobbelaar.

Dié artikel het in *Beeld* van 8 September 2011 verskyn.

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Prince Albert Landbouskou



'n Boerbok wys gesonde tande

- Barbara Gorniak -

Prince Albert se Landbouskou is 'n heerlike kulturgeleentheid - en hierdie Oktober was dit weer sulke tyd. Soos altyd het 'n handjievol boere en hul vrouens baie hard gewerk om hierdie kosbare kultuur, te midde van groot uitdagings, te laat voortleef. Die bekwame bestuurspan het maande lank beplan en georganiseer om alles te laat vlot en die terrein was weer eens 'n lus vir die oog.

Donderdagaand, 22 Oktober, skop die skou toe af met 'n spoggerige vertonersonthaal vir alle deelnemers, amptenare, helpers en gaste. Visie-president Jan-Chris Marais tree as seremoniemeester op en stel die President, Samie Luttig Junior, aan die woord. Dan is dit oom Pat Marincowitz se beurt en hy neem almal sommer vër terug met sy vertelling oor die ontstaan van ons Landbouskou daar op Seekoegat. Sy kwinkslae laat die gaste skaterlag.

Burgemeester Goliath Lottering belooft die Landbouvereniging finansiële sowel as morele bystand van die Raad se kant af. Hy doen 'n beroep op die Bestuur om die opkomende boere te betrek. Ander amptenare wat ook teenwoordig is, is Ferdie Willemse en raadslid Cabaan Windvogel.

Die Saalperdvereniging belowe alle skouangers iets besonder om na uit te sien en John McKenna kry 'n beurt om te vertel van die 2012-asblikprojek.

'n Wonderlike buffet volg onder aanvoering van Johanna Luttig en haar dogter Madri Rossouw (Voorsitster van die Damesafdeling). Quiches, *rosti*, kerriefrikkadelle, brode, vrugtesosaties, koeksisters, melktert en die geurigste skilpadjies direk van die kole af!

Vrydag kom alles vroeg in rat: Skape, bokke, stalletjies, springkastele... keurige sale vol blomme... en wat nog! Daar is ruim voorsiening gemaak vir sit- en kuierplek. Die kombuis is in rep en roer. Vrolikheid heers.

Ds Chris Briers open die verrigtinge en die biertuin kan oopmaak! Oral klink en ruik dit na plaas. Al 116 skape se wolkwaliteit, bou en kop word boordeel. Sewe mededingers ding mee met hul 220 bokke...

Joseph Steyn, bekend vir sy uitgangspunt dat roofdiere die winsgewendheid van skaapboerdery ernstig bedreig, het 'n insiggewende foto-uitstalling van verminkte lammers. 'n Ongewone foto toon die inhoud van 'n jakkalspens: lammers se afgevrete ore en snoete. Hy verduidelik by die wolvagte dat daar tans baie klem gelê word op fynwol omdat die prikkelfaktor in ons warm land 'n belangrike faktor is as dit by prys kom. Skape word selektief geteel vir die fynere wol. Nic Herbst kompeteer in hierdie afdeling met Josef.

In die 45 jaar van die skou se bestaan, is daar vir die eerste keer 'n gekekkel en gekraai van 'n ander wêreld... Hoenders! Erik Snyders, Bennie Arnoldi, Eugene Schenck and Yolande Singery se pragtige, eksotiese en luidrugtig geveerdes laat almal verstom. Die massiewe swart Leghorn-haan wat Malema heet, trek veral aandag.

Vrydagaand kom by die 200 mense *steak* eet, murgsag gebraaie deur Reinard van Onselen en Samie Luttig (jr), en baie fluks bedien deur die onvermoeibare September- sussies en ander helpers. Vars slaai, die lekkerste *chips* en yskoue wyn rond alles af. Tokkie Nel van George maak, soos baie jare al, weer die musiek en saam met sanger Herman Grobbelaar hou hulle die mense

op die dansbaan - tot lank na middernag.

Saterdag is stalletjie-tyd. Corina Boshof het die mooiste pêrels, oorbelle en ringe; Carike se pragtige handgemaakte juwele laat almal oe en aa. Hartjies, rame, appliek, skinkbord-lappe en prente. Retha de Waal verkoop haar en haar dogter se klere vir mammas en kinders: Waar koop 'n mens nog in die Karoo sulke skeppings?

Daar is motorfiets en ander rygoed vir die manne; veiligheidstoerusting, snuisterye en outydse foto's. Baie gewild is die roommystalletjie waar ook vars aarbeie en roommys te koop is.

Die Prince Albert Rieldansers of 'Stoftrappers' se energieke vertoning en Fankie Scheun, SA se Sterkman-kampioen, se kragdadigheid bring daardie ekstra "oemf" na die skou.

En die saalperde? Ag, hulle is waarlik "poetry in motion"... (Sien bl 20 vir 'n volledige artikel oor hierdie sierlike diere.)

By die Saterdagmiddag-braaivleis sorg konvenor Diana Koorts dat Leon de Wit en Carinus Koorts 'n voortreflike "job" doen terwyl vlytige dames steeds regstaan in die kombuis, want al die ruiters moet ook middagete kry.

Ná die Curriebeker op die grootskerm gekyk is, word daar lekker gesellig gekuier om die potjiekospotte en die braaivleisvure, waar almal wat so hard gewerk het, 'n genotvolle, suksesvolle skou afsluit.

Die uitslae van die Slaglam-kompetisie 2011 is:

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reserwe-kampioen - Faan de Wit

Groepe

Kampioen - Faan de Wit;
reserwe-kampioen - Sofia Derkson

Aan die hak, oftewel karkas (beoordeel deur Willem Eksteen van Karoolam)

Individuele lammers:

Kampioen lam - Faan de Wit;
reserwe-kampioen - Jan Chris Marais

Groepe:

Kampioengroep - Faan de Wit;
reserwe-kampioen Jan Chris Marais

Saddlehorses Steal the Show



Koekie de Villiers on *Touch of Fire* (Photo: Barbara Castle)



Francois Dercksen on *Awesome Choice* (Photo: Barbara Castle)

- Barbara Castle -

The sheep, the goats, the cockerels and the cuisine were great. But, for me, it was the Saddlehorses that stole the show. Their classes were spectacular performances with the accent on action, colour and cadence.

We were treated to some of the country's top horses, riders and trainers, including Petro Botha on *Song of Fortune*, Koekie de Villiers on *Touch of Fire* and Francois Dercksen on *Awesome Choice*.

"I really enjoyed the informal atmosphere

and the interaction of all the trainers," said de Villiers, from Cradock, whose horse was judged Grand Champion Three Gaited. "Saturday evening's *potjiekos* competition was priceless and a wonderful way to end the show for the exhibitors ... please don't change anything!" she says enthusiastically. "The Prince Albert Landbouskou is absolutely our favourite show of the year, and the input of Dr Alwo Dercksen is of much value. Wish I could have spent more time in your lovely town but with more shows coming up it was impossible."

"The family-feeling of the show, the fan-

tastic prize-money and the awesome *potjiekos* were my best," said Petro Botha of Stellenbosch. "It's classy, with just enough competition to keep everyone sharp... this small Karoo show is a gem!"

Readers might be interested to know that entrants in the Western Cape Saddlehorse sub union's competition 'The Reinsman' (with prizes worth close to R400 000!) were well represented at the show. *Song of Fortune* and *Awesome Choice* are neck-and-neck in three out of the six categories – (1) Best horse under saddle, (2) Best horse in Harness and (3) Overall.



Anything goes in the Fancy Dress on horseback! (Photo: Barbara Castle)



Mayor Goliath Lottering

Don't Be Cocky!

- Sonja McKenna -

The Prince Albert Agricultural Show always comes up with surprises. This year's was a superb collection of poultry with breeds originating from 11 different countries. The display was truly uplifting - bringing a smile to each visitor's face regardless of his or her age. Each hen or rooster comfortably showed off his or her beauty, quite happy to be on exhibition.

The French hen, type Faverolles, Mr Snyders told me, was used on French ships for meat and egg laying capabilities because of its enormous size. Another giant breed hailing from India reminded me of "the Roadrunner" in the cartoons. The opposite end of the spectrum was a tiny modern game hen hailing from America.

This was the first time in the 45 years of

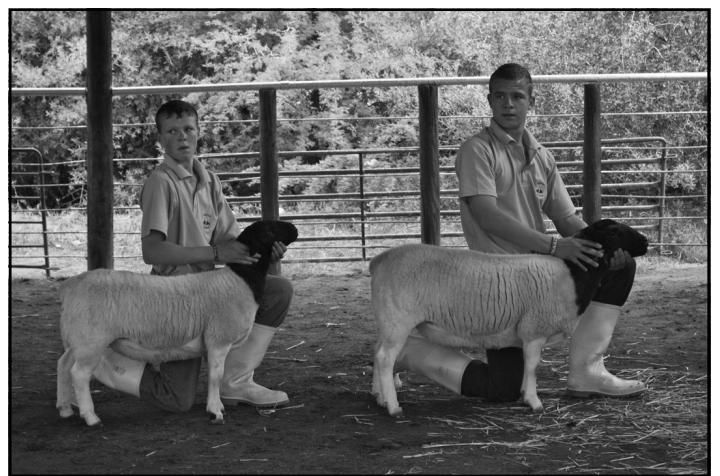
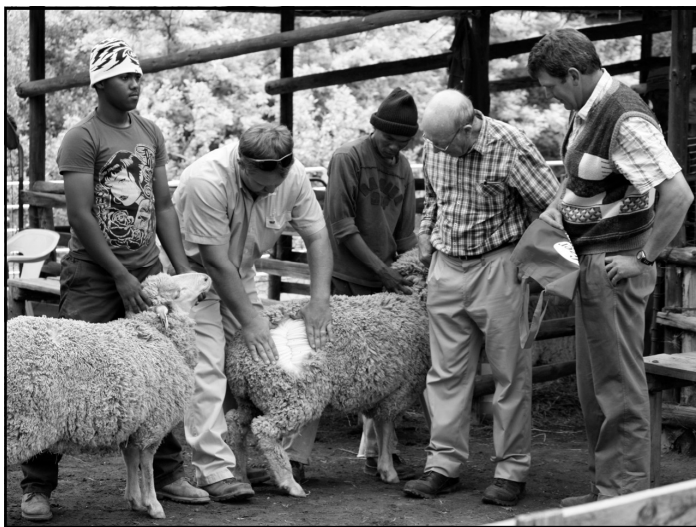


Johan Mulder shows great interest in one of the hens on show (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

the show's existence that a display of this kind was held.

Thank you, Eric Snyders, Bennie Arnoldi, Eugene Schenck and Yolande

Singery for the magnificent array of birds you brought to the show. We look forward to the even bigger show you are promising next year.





Prince Albert Municipal Library BOOK REVIEW



Cutting for Stone

By Abraham Verghese

Here's another of those 'must read' books. And one that will live with you long after you've turned the last page.

Much of the story is set in a mission hospital in Ethiopia but the plot ranges across to Nairobi and up to New York. While the main character is Marion Stone, one of conjoined twins born to Sister Mary Joseph Praise, a nun, who dies of complications from her hidden pregnancy.

He writes, "*As a little boy of four, I took myself away to this windowless room to study the image. Courage alone could*

not get me past that heavy door, but my sense that she was there, my obsession to know the nun who was my mother, gave me strength. I sat next to the autoclave which rumbled and hissed like a waking dragon, as if the hammering of my heart had roused the best. Gradually, as I sat at my mother's desk, a peace would come over me, a sense of communion with her."

The father is the surgeon Thomas Stone and it is his disappearance after the birth that haunts and drives this book. Peopled by wonderful characters the book establishes an easy relationship with the reader who is whisked along through the streets of Haile Selassie's Ethiopia to the operating rooms of great American teaching hospitals.

As a surgeon himself, Verghese's descrip-

tions of surgery are so vivid that those with weaker stomachs may find them disturbing. And while it wouldn't be a good idea to use this novel as a textbook for liver transplantation or bowel surgery... there are times when the reader feels it might just be possible!

Cutting for Stone is currently enjoying much coverage in the press and has been reviewed almost everywhere including *YOU* magazine and various daily newspapers. (So you can see it has very broad appeal.) Once again, our library has proved to be at the cutting edge when it comes to good books and you should nip along and take it out as soon as you can.

Barbara Castle



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Wie is wie by ons Markie?



Pannekoekbakkers, Mari en Johan du Toit (Foto: Barbara Castle)

- Barbara Castle -

Markies was vanaf 1855 reeds 'n kenmerk van Prince Albert nadat Goewerneur George Grey toestemming daartoe gegee het. Oor die jare het interessante karakters en hulle produkte gekom en gegaan... pannekoek, bevrore lam, gebreide teemussies, verskeie *bloomers* en wildspasteie om maar 'n paar hiervan te noem. 'n Klompie vasbyters het gebly en geniet vandag nog die lewendige besigheid en vriendelike geselsie by die Saterdagoggend-markie in Kerkstraat.

Koffie en Pannekoek

Toe die Saterdagmark, na 'n lang droogte weer op 13 Desember 1998 hervat is, was Mari se stalletjie een van die drie wat begin het. Destyds het sy droë vrugte verkoop, 'n jaar later het haar man, Johan, ingeval met koffie en tee en nog 'n jaar daarna het hul begin pannekoek bak.

"Ons het toe twee seuns skool toe gestuur en moes iets doen om die skoolgeld te betaal," sê Mari. "Pannekoekbak teen R1.50 per pannekoek (!) het goed gewerk en het gehelp om die skoolfonds te betaal."

Mari en Johan verhuis in 1996 na Prince Albert om haar ma, Alta Rossouw, by te staan na die afsterwe van haar pa. Johan het met 'n blomboerdery (krisante in tonnels) begin en Mari met 'n naaldwerkwinkel...maar niks was vaste inkomste nie. "As jy dus 'n geleentheid soos die Saterdagmark kry," sê Mari, "dan maak jy ge-

bruik daarvan vir ekstra inkomste ... jy smous alles wat jy dink sal verkoop op die mark!"

Na meer as tien jaar se Saterdag, raak die Prince Alberters nou ongeduldig as ons die dag nie opdaag nie!" sê sy. "Almal bak pannekoek met die dieselfde resep as ons, maar gereelde kopers is al so gewoond aan ons pannekoek dat hulle dadelik vir jou kan sê of dit Johan is wat gebak het of iemand anders," sê Mari trots. Dis hoe- kom hulle elke Saterdag die twee tot drie honderd pannekoek bak en oprol.

In 2006 is hul seun, Willem, genooi na 'n leierskap seminar in Los Angeles. Die du Toits hou toe 'n fondsinsameling om dit moontlik te maak. 'n Hele jaar lank help Willem elke Saterdag met pannekoek bak. Die dag met sy visum onderhoud by die Amerikaanse Ambassade, moes hy verduidelik hoe hy die fondse vir die reis bekom het. "Toe Willem vertel van die pannekoekbak op 'n mark, was die man baie ingenome omdat hy 'n maand tevore met sy vrou en twee kinders op Prince Albert gekuier... en by Willem pannekoek gekoop het!"

"Ons verkoop net koffie, tee en pannekoek wat die mense sommer net daar op die mark kan geniet. As iemand 'n groot hoeveelheid pannekoek wil hê, verkies ons dat hulle teen Vrydag al die bestelling gee – sodoende kan ons betyds begin bak en genoeg deeg saamneem mark toe." Bel gerus op 076 908 6808 om jou vooraf bestelling te plaas.

"Daar is heelwat spesiale voorkeure wanneer gereelde kopers se bestellings vir koffie, tee of pannekoek geplaas word; ons ken hulle al en weet al vooraf wat om reg te hou as hulle by die hek inkom!"

"Ons kry soms vreemde versoeke," sê Mari, "soms vra iemand vir 'n 'Engelse,' of 'n 'dubbel dekker' of 'n 'geskroeiende.' Wanneer jy weer hul stalletjie besoek, vra gerus en "ons sal verduidelik wat dit presies behels..." sê Mari met 'n glimlag.

Hoeveel pannekoek het Johan al hier gebak? Dis meer as 'n verstommende een honderd en tien duisend en verklaar hoe- kom hy met vyf panne gelyk bak en Mari outomaties in haar slaap pannekoek oprol.

Dis harde werk en lank staan "Maar dis die moeite werk," sê Mari. "Dis baie lekker om deel te wees van die gekuier, gesels en gelag op die mark. Daar bly ons op hoogte met die dorp," sê sy, "Ons ontmoet baie toeriste wat weer en weer terugkom na 'n lekker gesellige en vriendelike kuierplek."

Mari eindig om baie dankie te sê aan almal wat hulle elke Saterdag so getrou ondersteun. "Ons werk nog steeds vir een kind se skool en koshuigeld. As hy nou volgende jaar klaarmaak met matriek, mag ons dan ophou?" vra Mari.

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Tourism Officer, Zelia Mullins, with a mock-up of the proposed street sign design for 2012 (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

- Linda Jaquet -

The highlight of a well-attended second Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce at the Swartberg Hotel on 5 October was a confidence-boosting address by Mayor Goliath Lottering. Richard Waterston was re-elected as Chair-

person with Sue Dean returning as Vice Chair. Donald Booysen and Kosie Stols are new Committee members.

Waterston indicated that the priority for the next twelve months would be to finalise the second edition of the popular *A to Z Business/Services Directory* for publication. The Committee would also try to persuade

Capitec Bank to open a branch in Prince Albert. Sue Dean was nominated to represent the Chamber on the Municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Forum, where local organisations representing the town's residents will have input on budgetary and planning processes.

Waterston stressed that all who wanted their services listed in the 2012 *A to Z Directory* should register all details and pay the R10 fee at the Tourism office as soon as possible.

He also appealed to those businesses and organisations that wanted to be included in street directional signs in 2012 to provide details to Imke Maeyer via e-mail at imkeandrudi@gmail.com or to Julie Waterston at julie@karooview.co.za for inclusion in the master plan.

A mock-up of the proposed signage can be viewed at the Tourism Office.

Creative Paving and Stone Walls

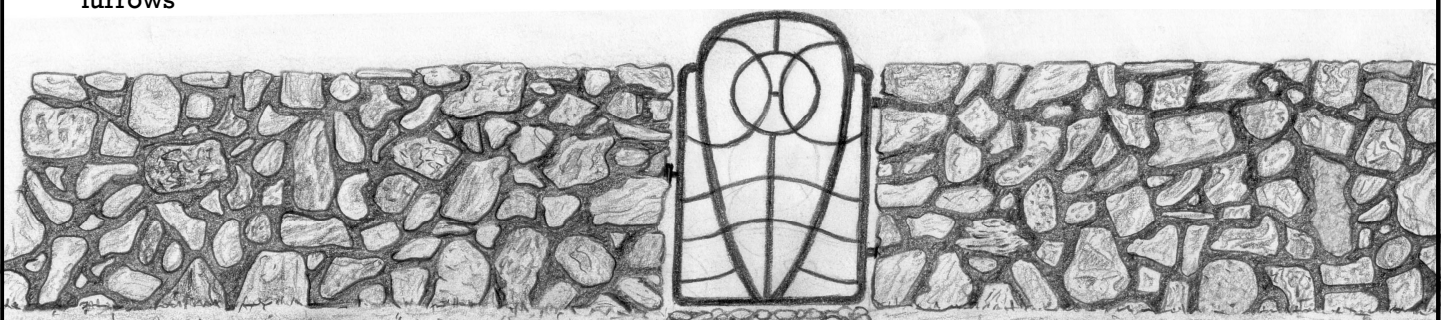


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~ Vanuit die Raadsaal ~

Aanstelling van die munisipale bestuurder

Na 'n deeglike adverteringsproses het ons met die vyf beste kandidate onderhoude gevoer op 15 September. Die twee kandidate wat die beste gevaar het, is ook onderwerp aan psigometrie se toetsing om sodoende die beste kandidaat aan te stel in die pos as munisipale bestuurder.

Op 17 Oktober het ek op grond van die deursigtige en demokratiese prosesse, asook die uitslag van die psigometrie se toetsing, mnr. Heinrich Mettler aanbeveel in die pos as munisipale bestuurder. Mnr. Mettler is tans die waarnemende munisipale bestuurder.

Die Raad het die aanbeveling aanvaar. Ek word deur die Munisipale Stelsel Wet verplig om 'n volledige verslag binne 14 dae aan die Minister van Plaaslike Regering, Anton Bredell, te stuur sodat hy kan sien of daar wel binne die Stelsel Wet gehandel is. Die aanstelling van 'n munisipale bestuurder bly nog steeds die verantwoordelikheid van die Plaaslike Raad, aldus die Grondwet van Suid-Afrika. Die amendement op die Stelsel Wet verleen aan die Minister van Plaaslike Regering net die oorsigtelike rol om te verseker dat die aangestelde persoon wel gekwalifiseerd is en dat hy/sy nie 'n bestuurslid van 'n politieke party is nie.

Die Minister sal dan weer binne 14 dae sy mening uitspreek oor die proses wat ons as Raad gevolg het. Ek kan die gemeenskap verseker dat daar, sover moontlik, binne die Stelsel Wet gehandel is.

Betaling van diensterekeninge

Hiermee wil ek graag alle inwoners vriendelik versoek om hulle munisipale diensterekeninge so getrou as moontlik te betaal. Dit is elke persoon se verantwoordelikheid om toe te sien dat sy/haar rekening wel maandeliks betaal word. Hierdie vriendelike versoek sluit ook die gemeenskappe van Leeu-Gamka en Klaarstroom in.

Indien u probleem met u rekening onder-

vind, nou ek u ook graag uit om met die Kantoor Finansies te kom gesels om sodanige probleme te probeer oplos. Indien u ook kennis kry dat u elektrisiteit geblok gaan word, kom asseblief na die Kantoor Finansies om die nodige reëlins te tref. As Munisipaliteit wil ons u graag help, maar onthou die verantwoordelikheid is u s'n. Betaal so gereeld as moontlik u lopende rekening en tref reëlins rondom die afbetaling van die agterstallige rekening. Die agterstallige bedrag gaan nie vanself net verdwyn nie, dit bly u verantwoordelikheid.

Saam kan ons bou om ons munisipaliteit een van die bestes onder die 30 in die Wes Kaap te maak.

Elektrisiteit – diefstal 'n duur probleem

Dit het onder die aandag van die munisipaliteit gekom dat daar persone is wat hulle skuldig maak aan die onwettige verkryging van elektrisiteit (diefstal). Ons wil die persone wat hulle hieraan skuldig maak, ernstig waarsku. Indien ons daarvan te hore kom, sal ons stappe teen u moet neem. Dit is 'n kriminele oortreding en u kan vervolgt word. Ons het alreeds teen 'n paar persone opgetree. Indien u probleme met u 'kragboks' sou ondervind, meld asseblief die probleem so gou doenlik by die munisipaliteit aan.

Na aanleiding van ons statistieke het ons oor die drie maande 'n verlies van 38% aan elektrisiteit getoon. Dit word toegeskryf aan mense wat onwettig krag gebruik sonder om daarvoor te betaal en infrastruktuur wat redelik oud is. Die grootste probleem egter is die onwettige gebruik van elektrisiteit.

Skoon Omgewing

Ek wil elke inwoner wat meehelp om ons omgewing so mooi skoon te hou, hartlik bedank. Daar is duidelik 'n wesenlike verandering in Noord End sigbaar. Die munisipale werkers wat so gereeld hulle deel doen, verdien ook 'n pluimpie. Hou so aan, manne. Die gemeenskap kan sommer baie TROTS wees op julle.

Ek is egter seker daarvan dat indien almal slegs net hul klein deeltjie kan en wil doen, Noord End nog beter daarna sal uitsien.

Kom ons vat hande en werk saam om die gebied waarin ons woon, so skoon as moontlik te hou.

IDP-proses

Organisasies word vriendelik versoek om hul nominasies vir die IDP-Forum te finaliseer en by die munisipaliteit in te handig. Ons wil hiermee verseker dat alle organisasies sal inkoop by die IDP sodat ons 'n werkbare en realistiese dokument vir die munisipale omgewing kan saamstel.

Die lede van die gemeenskap word ook ernstig versoek dat indien daar vergaderings aangaande die IDP in jou wyk gaan plaasvind, jy vry moet voel om jou bydrae te kom lewer. Ons wil sien dat die gemeenskap meer betrokke moet raak in die sake van die munisipaliteit. Kom en lewer u bydrae, hoe gering dit ook al mag wees.

Aanmeld van probleme

Van inwoners word verwag om probleme rakende lekkende pype asook probleme rondom elektrisiteit so gou doenlik te rapporteer by die tegniese afdeling. Ons wil ons reaksietyd, dit wil sê hoe vinnig ons kan reageer, op standaard bring. U moet ons ook laat weet watter straatligte nie werk nie. Ons weet dat kinders deurentyd voorwerpe op die drade gooi, maar saam kan ons hierdie stout mannetjies/meisietjies vasvat.

Lekkende pype/krane lei daartoe dat u waterrekening onnodig die hoogte inskiet. Laat die munisipaliteit so gou doenlik weet van enige probleme. Skakel gerus my kantoor indien die reaksietyd nie na wense is nie.

Uitstaande dissiplinêre sake

Ek wil graag op hierdie stadium rapporteer dat beide sake van me Fortuin en mnr. van der Westhuizen nog nie afgehandel is nie. Ek sal so gou doenlik deur die media rapporteer indien hierdie sake afgehandel is.

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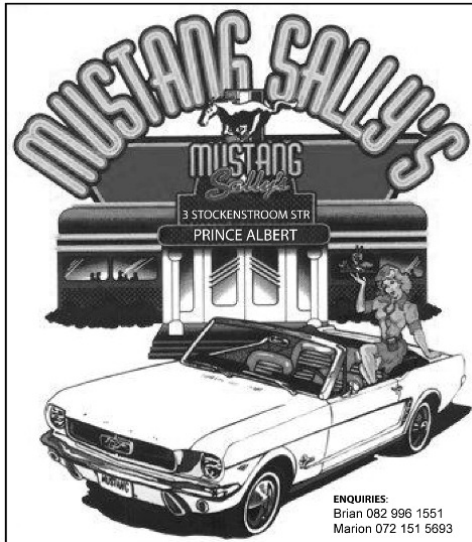
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Information regarding MUSTANG SALLY'S - it was a long road to achieve a place to utilise for special events, which for the record is not a public venue open 24 hours, seven days a week.

My intention was to create a country town venue to accommodate entertainment for special events, one that can cater for those who enjoy socialising with all who come to Prince Albert.

I hosted several successful annual events in the past at "MIKE'S MEMORABILIA". It was in a residential area, hence my decision to move this venue to MUSTANG SALLY'S on Stockenstroomstraat.

My aim is to host events such as the Muscle Car Club Annual International Run, which is extremely popular with locals and brings in much revenue to Prince Albert. This year I'm organising a Christmas charity show (date to be confirmed) where all the money will be donated to the soup kitchens!

MUSTANG SALLY'S is privileged to have Brian Finch, our local musician/songwriter/entertainer on our doorstep and his input will be invaluable to the success of MUSTANG SALLY'S. He is also planning to bring well-known South African musicians to the venue for a concert or two!

MUSTANG SALLY'S will be available to those who have a special function in mind and find it suitable to their needs.

I would like to add that Prince Albert is in dire straits when it comes to entertainment of our genre. Both locals and visitors, who come not only for the peace and quiet, but also to hear music from our local talent have often asked for such a venue. Last year many guesthouses contacted me to find out if there was something happening in Prince Albert over the festive season for their guests.

The response from outsiders when an impromptu evening of entertainment is performed by local musician Brian Finch has been phenomenal and many vow to come back!

MUSTANG SALLY'S will be well managed, with as little noise (disturbance) as possible and no late night events that are out of control. The venue is well soundproofed and a braai area is at guests' disposal.

It is my sole priority not to upset the "apple cart" and I as always am open to debate and concerns.

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- Linda Jaquet -

BADISA Prince Albert verwelkom Ilze Koorts aan die einde van September terug as die maatskaplike werker, verantwoordelik vir Prince Albert. Haar voorganger, Cecilia Cedras, wat vir vyf jaar by BADISA werksaam was, het 'n pos in die Kaap aanvaar. Daar is nog twee ander nuwe gesigte in die Prince Albert kantoor -

Carlisle Williams en Maruschka Erasmus wat by Griffin Roberts, gemeenskapontwikkelingswerker, Melissa Strydom, kantoorbestuurder en vrywilligers Hester Piedt, Evelyn van der Rost en Daneel Ahrends aansluit. Audrey Anthony is Leeu-Gamka se maatskaplikewerker.

Carlisle is onlangs aangestel as maatskaplike hulpwerker, terwyl Maruschka wat

verantwoordelik is vir voorskoolse programme, in Mei by BADISA aangesluit het.

Ilze is verheug om terug by BADISA te wees en vertel: "Ons is opgewonde oor ons nuwe personeel en beplande projekte wat van die grond af begin kom. Behalwe Maruschka se dinamika, is Carlisle ook aan die beplan vir 'n vakansieprogram vir Klaarstroom vir die Desember vakansie en Griffin Roberts vir Prince Albert.

My pleegouer-ondersteuningsgroep begin hierdie maand op 'n kwartaallikse basis weer funksioneer. Ons beplan ook vir volgende jaar ouerleidingsgroepe, tienergroepe en vrouegroepe. Die personeel gaan almal hierby betrokke wees, aangesien Maruschka en Griffin pas 'n ouerleidingskursus deurloop het."

BADISA is die maatskaplike welsynsorganisasie van die NG Kerk. Daar is takke landswyd wat grootliks onafhanklik is. Hulle word deur 'n plaaslike komitee, waarop plaaslike kerke verteenwoordig is, bestuur. BADISA is 'n samestelling van die woorde "Ba-rmhartig, Di-ens en Sa-am"



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The Prince Albert Dustbin Project A Prince Albert ~ Kweekvallei 2012 initiative

- Ailsa Tudhope -

John McKenna, is on a roll and the first art-work dustbins will be on the streets by the time this report appears. Our Municipality has provided workers to assist in cleaning and refurbishing oil drum bins at a repair factory where scrap metal, hoop iron and roof strapping have been used to refurbish those which could be salvaged.

Many new bins have been bought and once they are painted green or white, John delivers them to Prince Albert Primêr, Hoërskool Zwartberg, Albert College, Christine Thomas' Art Group or to the local prison for them to be transformed by enthusiastic artists. Clive Heyne then adds the Prince Albert Gable 2012 logo.

The paintings will, in many cases compliment the building outside which the bins stand and even provide historical information. For example Fransie Pienaar's portrait, based upon the same photograph Dr van Heerden used when creating his painting, will adorn one of the bins outside the Museum and the text on the bin celebrates the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Friends of the Museum. Keep your eyes peeled for another bin, which will soon be mounted

outside the bottle store at the National Centre!

Our children have had great fun painting the bins and have been learning about local characters, our history, botany and birds whilst doing so. Two of the Prince Albert Prison inmates have created some colourful drums. Some of our professional artists have lent their talents too and a rich variety of artistic styles will eventually grace the seventy bins that will be placed throughout Prince Albert.

Thank you to all who have donated in cash and kind to the dustbin project. The latest donation has come from Cactus Blue Cottages, thanks to Jo Sinfield for R600. How about other B&B's making a similar contribution? If you are interested phone John McKenna at 023 5411 618.

The other project nearing completion is the 2012 Prince Albert ~ Kweekvallei Calendar, illustrated by the talented young artists who attend Christine Thomas' Art Group. Quotes for printing have been obtained and we aim to keep the cost as low as possible to encourage lots of Prince Albert residents and visitors to buy a copy. Proceeds will go to support the art programme, which is enriching the lives of many of our children from North End.

Municipal Drivers Shine

The Municipality's entrants in the annual Driver of the Year (DOTY) Competition held in Cape Town on 10 September did Prince Albert proud. Drivers Atienne Arendse and Donovan Plaatjies, team manager, Mark Februarie and trainer, Andrew Meintjies represented the Central Karoo.

Plaatjies is a financial clerk at the Municipality and came second overall in the Novice division, taking first place in the Road Test. He brought home three trophies and two medals.

Arendse, who drives the sewage truck or *suigtenk*, was entered in the Rigid Four-

Wheeler section and received a certificate.

Mark Februarie was delighted at his team's efforts and urged the local business and farming communities to encourage their drivers to join the Municipality in representing Prince Albert in next year's competition. "The Driver of the Year Competition happens nationwide and focuses on promoting road safety in the heavy motor vehicle sector," Februarie told the *Friend*.

For more information, contact Mark Februarie at the Municipal Driver's Licence Testing Centre on 023 541-306/648.

IEC Goes Green in Prince Albert

- Kelly Cloete -

In South Africa, Arbour Day was first celebrated in 1983. The event captured the imagination of people who recognised the need for raising awareness of the value of trees in our society. As sources of building material, food, medicine and simple scenic beauty, trees play a vital role in the health and wellbeing of our communities. Besides all the practical uses of trees, they also play an important role in sustaining life on earth. So the importance of planting trees cannot be overemphasised.

Collective enthusiasm for the importance of this issue in South Africa inspired National Government in 1999 to extend the celebration of Arbour Day to National Arbour Week. So from 1 to 7 September every year, schools, businesses and organisations are encouraged to participate in community "greening" events to improve the health and beauty of the local environment and propose a greener future for South Africa and our immediate communities.

In many cultures trees have traditionally been given as a gift or a token of appreciation. The Electoral Commission of SA (IEC) being a Chapter 9 Institution decided to roll up its sleeves and participate in this year's Arbour Week. The IEC decided to use Arbour Week to recognise the contribution people made in ensuring a free and fair local government election. The idea was to plant trees at organisations and institutions that had offered their premises for use during the recent Local Government Elections earlier this year. And the focus was primarily on schools and crèches.

Seekoegat Primary School was identified as the venue where the trees would be planted in the Prince Albert Municipality. So on 29 September 2011, two trees (a Yellowwood and a *Waterbessie*) from Cape Nature in Oudtshoorn were donated to the school.

The IEC was received with great excitement, the trees were carefully planted ... and the smiles of learners nearly formed another tree!

Prince Albert-VLV Put Inspirasie uit hul Vergaderings

- Ronél McKnight -

Bella-Mia is 'n klein plasie geleë in die pragtige Schoemanshoek naby Oudtshoorn. Die naam is 'n samestelling van die eenaars, Chris en Mariana Serfontein, se twee kleindogters, Isabella en Mia. Terwyl Chris 'n olyfboerdery bedryf, vervaardig Mariana die pragtigste erdewerk. Elke produk uit haar winkel word, van begin tot end, deur haarself handgemaak. Geen twee items is presies dieselfde nie, wat elke stuk uniek maak, maar hulle is so ontwerp dat alles gemeng en pas kan word; verder is hulle ook veilig in die oond, mikrogolf en skottelgoedwasser.

Haar besigheid is vir Mariana 'n droom wat waar geword het. Nadat haar eerste man asook 'n vriendin, wat nog baie drome vir die toekoms gehad het, albei op 'n jong ouderdom oorlede is, het sy besef die lewe is te kort om drome vir jou outdag te hou. Hierdie liefde, wat ook 'n



Karoo Handgemaak se produkte

handige inkomste oplewer, hou haar al 11 jaar besig.

Die besoek aan Bella-Mia was voorwaar vir elkeen van ons 'n verrykende en inspirerende ervaring.

Tydens die VLV-vergadering op 24 Augustus het Ellen Joubert die vergadering meer vertel oor beide die Herwinning- en Karoo Handgemaak-projekte waarby sy

betrokke is. Ellen gebruik haar tyd en kundigheid om ander se lewens te verryk. Die entoesiasme waarmee sy hierdie twee projekte dryf, is 'n voorbeeld en inspirasie vir ons almal.

Die 5 November VLV-vergadering is ook die jaarafsluiting en ons sirkelpresident, Lorraine Symington, besoek ons by daardie geleentheid.

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Willowmotorfietsklub se skattejag vir kleuterskoolprojek

- Elmiën le Roux -

Saterdagoggend, 15 Oktober, om 09h30 open ds. Briers die verrigtinge met gebed.

Ons Willowmotorfietsklub se skattejag vir kleuterskoolprojek het agtien inskrywings, die papierwerk is afgehandel. Oom Gawie Breytenbach het ons kom help met die uitdeel van elke span se raaisels en die kundige Mnr Dawid Rossouw het die raaisels opgestel. Die spanne spring een na die ander weg; haastig en nuuskierig met die koevert in die hand.

Eers 'n paar vrae in die dorp self: die dames van die *Thursday Group* het ons hier te hulp gekom het met 'n handtekening. Die tel van die NG Kerk se trappe het verwarring veroorsaak, so ook die tel van bakens rondom die dorp en 'n straat met die naam van Hoopstraat wat eers Pofadderstraat was, wat vir party bietjie onbekend was. Daarna uit Boskop toe waar Samie Luttig ("Boeta") die manne ingewag het wat die plaas se kragpunt se naam moes kry. Die spanne is al soekende na Varsfontein en toe en vandaar terug na Prince Albert. Die dag was vir elke

deelnemer 'n heerlike avontuur en uitdaging en veel meer as net 'n motorfietsrit.

Die skattejag is deur die span van Kobus Moolman en Rynhardt Botes gewen. Hulle is gevolg deur DJ Vorster en Wimpie le Roux. André Le Roes ("Bonnie") was derde. Corné le Roux en Christo Botes was die wenner van die troosprys, wat 'n bottel *Old Brown Sherry* vir die pyn ingesluit het! Na die prysuitdeling het die manne afgesluit met 'n lekker bring en braai by die skougronde.

Prince Albert se Willowmotorfietsklub sê baie dankie vir die geskenkbewyse en pryse wat deur die volgende besighede en inwoners van Prince Albert geborg is: *Swartberg Arms, Karoo Slaghuis, Prince of Africa, Leather Tanner and Trader, Nella's Geskenkwinkel, Wimpels, Lah-di-dah, Karoo Looms, Prickly Pear, Café Albert* en Mari du Toit. Julle het die deelnemers se dag opwindend gemaak. Die geldpryse het ons bygedra by die inskrywingsgelde van R30 elk om 'n totale bedrag in te bring van R1000 ten bate van die Makhathini sending.

"Ons NG Kerk se evangelisasie beleid maak voorsiening dat ons behalwe plaaslik, onder

andere 'n sendingaksie binne die grense van die RSA ondersteun. Makhathini is in die noordoostelike hoek van KwaZulu Natal en grens aan Mosambiek. Dis 'n pragtige wêreld, maar met baie armoede en 'n hoë HIV voorkoms.

Ons is deel van 'n vennootskap om die sendelinge daar te onderhou. Vanjaar se projek is om R15 000 bymekaar te maak vir die opleiding van kleuterskool onderwysers. Die behoefte vir kleuterskole is deur die ouers self geïdentifiseer. Die kinders word groot sonder veel stimulasie en op die ouderdom van skooltoe gaan, het hulle 'n agterstand by ander kinders en baat nie veel by onderrig nie. Ons hoop om nog in te samel vir die groot nood wat daar in die Makhathini is.

"Ons is opreg dankbaar dat die Willowmotorfietsklub so gaaf was om te help. Dis die regte gees om 'n verskil te maak en Suid-Afrika te verbeter," het Dawid Rossouw aan die *Vriend* verduidelik.

Baie dankie vir almal wat deelgeneem het en ook die wat ons kom ondersteun het, dit was 'n groot sukses en volgende keer kan ons weer die Skattejag – idee gebruik.

Garden Club News

- Sue Goosen -

Town's Tree Policy Revisited

MaryAnne Botha, assisted by Sue Dean of Renu-Karoo, made a fascinating presentation on the tree policy that was drawn up for the town some years ago to the Garden Club's meeting at the Lazy Lizard on 5 October. The policy was drawn up by a committee of experts at the request of the Council but never implemented. The policy recommends certain indigenous trees for specific streets, concentrating on Church Street with its particular requirements for the east and west sides of the street.

Another Successful Plant Sale

On a perfect Saturday morning at the beginning of the month, the Garden Club held a very successful plant sale and the committee would like to thank everyone who contributed a variety of healthy

plants, helped on the day of the sale, or indeed bought plants. Just over R1000 was raised, and these funds will be used to organise an event at the Jan Rautenbach Schouwburg in February next year. Well-known botanist and author Ernst van Jaarsveld has agreed to come to Prince Albert to give a talk as part of the 2012 celebrations, and tickets will be available from December. More details will be given in next month's *Friend*.

The Gardener DVDs

The Garden Club has a selection of DVDs available to rent for just R10.00. These cover a range of gardening topics from The Gardener TV series and are available from Shireen Reid or at our monthly meetings.

Renu-Karoo Discount

Renu-Karoo Nursery on Church Street has issued a card to paid-up members

of the Garden Club that may be used at any time to obtain a 10% discount on all plants sold at the nursery, as well as potting soil, compost and their new eco-friendly laundry liquid. The card may be used until June 2012 and can be collected from Sue Goosen at home or at the Saturday market. Thank you very much Sue and Richard Dean for this generous offer!

Learn about permaculture

On 2 November, we will visit Brett Bard's wonderful acres 40km outside Prince Albert. This will be a morning outing, leaving from the Museum at 8.30am, sharing transport. Some walking over rough ground can be expected, but alternatively you are welcome to bring a folding chair and sit and admire the view. Please also bring a mug. There will be no charge for members; visitors will pay R10.00. Light refreshments will be served.

Anna Willemse spog met 25 jaar diens



Anna Willemse (Foto: Denise Ohlson)

- Denise Ohlson -

Toe Lydia Barrella en Sigi Skakal in 1986 vir Anna Willemse in diens geneem het, hoe kon hulle raai dat sy nog, sonder onderbreking, tot vandag toe vir hulle sou werk? Dat sy van huis tot huis saam met hulle sou trek en hulle albei weduwees sou sien word? Aanvanklik daag sy trou elke Dinsdag en Donderdag

by Lydia op, en Maandag, Woensdag en Vrydag is sy stiptelik by Sigi. Nou werk sy nog net een dag per week vir beide.

Anna Jantjies, gebore in Klaarstrom, het as 16-jarige meisie by Innies Basson op die plaas Vyevelei kom werk – eers as kinderoppasser en later as huiswerker. Hier ontmoet sy haar Jafta Willemse en hulle maak saam ses kinders groot. Dit gaan bitter swaar, maar sy sorg dat elkeen van haar kinders matriek slaag.

Lydia sê: “Anna is soos familie in my huis. My dogter Daniela was agt jaar oud toe Anna by ons kom werk het. Sy is ‘n wonderlike mens en ek waardeer alles waarvoor sy staan. Haar integriteit is rotsvas.”

Haar deel van smart en opoffering het Anna ook gehad. Die dood van haar seun op die ouderdom van 27 het haar geruk, maar die selfmoord van haar dogter Katy in 2000 was ‘n onoorkombare skok. Anna en Jafta het Katy se twee kinders van 2 en 8 jaar onder

hul liefdevolle vlerk geneem en ingestaan as ouers. Op sy beurt het hul seun Herklaas haar baie trots gemaak toe hy by die Weermag aangesluit en sy militêre graad behaal het. Die Barrellas het haar treinkaartjie betaal sodat sy die gradeplegtigheid kon bywoon. Dit sal ‘n dag bly wat sy altyd in haar hart sal koester.

Op die ouderdom van 57 het haar man haar leer bestuur en hy was tog te bly toe sy die toets slaag en haar lisensie kry! “Ja,” sê Anna, “‘n mens is waarlik nooit te oud om te leer nie.”

Anna (61) en haar man woon steeds op Vyevelei, waar hy 71 jaar gelede ook gebore is en sy lewe lank gewerk het. Sy word steeds daar opgelaaide deur Lydia en Sigi om te kom werk. Al pla haar bene haar, dink sy nog nie aan aftree nie. Lydia vra dan so mooi sy moet “tog net so lank as ek hou...”

Ja, beaam hierdie ouma van dertien: “As jy mos gaan sit, raak jy sommer gou oud en bedlënd.”

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- Denise Ohlson -

Drie jaar lank al gee Maruschka Erasmus balletklasse vir die belangstellende kinders en jongmense van Prince Albert. Elke jaar sluit hulle af met 'n "diploma-konsert". Hierdie jaar het die elf leerlinge hul passies is die NG Kerk-saal voor 'n groot en baie waarderende gehoor gedemonstreer: Die klem was op postuur, uitdraai, voete punt, musikaliteit en selfvertroue. Tydens die Junie-eksamen het Thalita van Zyl met haar danskennis (moderne dans is haar forté) beoordeel en sy het ook die (nie-amptelike maar steeds gesogte!) sertifikate by die konsert uitgedeel.

Maruschka het sewentien jaar lank self gedans, maar opgehou net voor sy haar amptelik as balletonderwyseres bekwaam het. Met haar koms na Prince Albert agt jaar gelede, het ouers haar gevra of sy nie lus is om hul kinders balletklasse te gee nie. Sy het eers die Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) genader om te hoor wat sy as nie-gekwalfiseerde onderwyseres mag aanbied. Al voorwaarde was dat sy nie as 'n gekwalfiseerde adverteer nie en dat alle deelnemers moet weet dat hulle nie amptelik RAD-eksamens kan aflê nie. RAD het Maruschka aangemoedig om haar kennis te deel: "For the love of dance".

En so is die nie-amptelike Balletskool van Prince Albert begin met agt leerlinge. Klara Joubert, Jana Koorts, Lisa Ester-

huizen en die susters Courtney en Nadene Koonthea is die vasbyters wat steeds in die groep is.

So tussendeur het Maruschka bly studeer by Unisa en twee grade behaal. Vandag skryf sy BA in Menslike en Sosiale Studies en ook 'n BA Hons met spesialisering in die vroeë kinderontwikkeling en kindersielkunde agter haar naam. Met hierdie agtergrond is die balletdansers verseker in goeie hande! Sy bied ook haar dienste aan as professionele berader as ouers of 'n kind iemand nodig het om mee te praat oor probleme soos depressie, eetsteurnisse, leerprobleme, skoolgereedheid, skeidingsangs, selfvertroue, verlies, trauma...

Maruschka is tans voltyds betrokke as Hoofprojekbestuurder vir Voorskoolse Ontwikkeling by Badisa ('n Christelike Nie-regeringsorganisasie wat deur alle denominasies gerugsteun word), maar in 2012 gaan die balletklasse voort en alle belangstellendes is welkom: volwassenes en selfs ouer mense kan gerus navraag doen. Maruschka het pas 'n oproep uit Hong Kong gehad van iemand wat graag 'n kind wil borg vir volgende jaar, so selfs diegene wat nie die lesgeld van R160 per maand kan betaal nie, kan dalk geholpe raak.

Die lesgeld is so billik omdat die NG Kerk hul saal gratis aanbied, en hiervoor sê Maruschka en al haar leerlinge baie dankie.

St John's Kerk Basaar

- Bertie Nero -

Saterdag, 8 Oktober, het die gemeente van St John's basaar gehou in die Noord End-saal. Vader Peter Minnaar het die verrigtinge geopen met 'n kort skriflesing en gebed. Daar was verskillende stalletjies en die poedings, lekkergoed en koeke was smaaklik. Baie mense het van die braaivleis kaartjies voor die dag gekoop en hulle het die braai geniet.

Twee lootjies, albei vir kruideniersware, was ook getrek. Die gelukkige wenners is Hannah Afrika en Jonathan Hendriks.

Ons sê baie dankie aan lede van verskillende gemeentes wat ons ondersteun het. Baie dankie ook vir hulle wat die vleis geskenk het. Die Here seën u.

Ons sien uit na ons Karoo Carols by Candlelight diens op Sondag, 27 November, teen 19:00 (7.00nm) by die kerk. Almal is baie welkom.

VGK se Jong Modelle

- Berenice Ewerts -

Die VGK se jong dames het onlangs 'n skoonheidskompetisie in die VGK saal aangebied om broodnodige fondse te help insamel vir die Sondagsskool en het somer ook 'n gesellige byeenkoms gereël!

Beoordelaars Hekkie Piedt, Emmerencia Schreuders en Valerie Windvogel moes omtrent koppe bymekaarsit om wenners vir die Junior en Senior afdelings aan te wys.

Nadine Koonthea is aangewys as die wenner van die Juniors, met Keesha-Lee Windvogel and Ezelle Maneville as haar twee prinsesse. Kay-dee Griebelaar is bekroon as die Senior skoonheid. Valicaida Griebelaar en Jannistene Jaftha was haar Seniorprinsesse.

Baie dankie aan die ouers vir hul bydrae en natuurlik aan elke leerder wat so entoesiasies gehelp en deelgeneem het om dit so 'n groot sukses te maak.

Nuwe Leiers van Hoërskool Zwartberg



vlnr Genutro Goliath, Roxanne Mooneys en Niël van der Nest (Foto: Christelle Smit)



Roshnee Deelman en Kiewiet Grootboom (Foto: Christelle Smit)

Tydens die onlangse prysuitdeling van die Hoërskool Zwartberg is die nuwe Verteenwoordigende Raad van Leerders (VRL) van die skool en die prefekte van Kroonhofkoshuis vir 2012, aangekondig en voorgestel. Daarmee saam is die sekretaris, Niël van der Nest, die onder-voorsitter, Genutro Goliath en die voorsitter, Roxanne Mooneys van die VRL, asook die hoofprefekte van Kroonhofkoshuis, Kiewiet Grootboom en Roshnee Deelman, voorgestel.

Kroonhofkoshuis se Jaareindfunksie



Luandro Japhta en René Booysen

Al die koshuis-leerders het uitgesien na die eerste Woensdagaand van die nuwe kwartaal, want dit was tyd vir die jaareindfunksie van die koshuis. Daardie middag was dit 'n groot getooiery tussen die meisies én die seuns.

Die eetsaal is omtower in 'n sprokiesland en die pragtige paartjies het die prentjie asemrowend voltooi. Almal het heerlik gesmul en lekker gesels. Daar is ook afskeid geneem van 2011 se matriek-inwoners deur die uittrede hoofseun, Hershall Smith. Richard McKnight, die superintendent, het ook 'n paar inspirerende woorde gespreek tot die kosgangers.

'n Genoeglike aand is afgesluit met 'n lekker sokkie in die skoolsaal.

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Hoërskool Zwartberg Hou Prysuitdeling

- Christelle Smit -

Die Hoërskool Zwartberg het sy jaarlikse prysuitdelingsfunksie op Donderdag, 13 Oktober, gehou.

By dié geleentheid is verskeie pryse toegeken aan leerders vanaf Gr. 1 tot Gr. 12. Hulle is beloon vir uitstaande werk gelewer deur die afgelope jaar. Die pryse word toegeken vir prestasies op akademiese -, sport – en kulturele gebied.

Van die uitstaande prestasies op akademiese gebied was die pryse wat toegeken is aan die *dux* leerder van die skool en die veelsydigste leerder, wat albei toegeken is aan Megan Hannies. Die beste tweetalige leerder prys is toegeken aan Ashwill Pretorius. Hierdie pryse is toegeken aan slegs Gr. 12 leerders.

Verder was daar ook akademiese erekleure toegeken. Pieter Koorts in Gr. 5 het volle erekleure ontvang en Francois



Megan Hannies, die *dux*-leerder en veelsydigste leerder van Hoërskool Zwartberg (Foto: Christelle Smit)

McKnight in Gr. 9 het half erekleure ontvang.

Op sportgebied word die sportman-van-die-jaartoeëkenning in die laerskool gedeel deur Amwill Maans en Pieter Koorts. Die sportvrou van die jaar in die laerskool is Savannah Birch. In die hoërskool is die sportman van die jaar Francois McKnight.

Voorts is daar ook 'n terugblik gewerp op die aktiwiteite van die afgelope jaar met die voorhou van die jaarverslag deur die skoolhoof, Mnr. Richard McKnight. Die verslag is daarna oorhandig aan die voorsitter van die beheerliggaam van die skool, Mnr. Joseph Steyn.

Ons wens al die prysweners hartlik geluk met hul mooi prestasies.

Albert College Commonwealth Essay Writers Rewarded

- Ailsa Tudhope -

Albert College is delighted to report that nine of the twenty pupils, who entered the 2011 Commonwealth Essay Competition, were awarded certificates. The theme this year was *Women as Agents of Change*. Six thousand entries were submitted from around the world and two thousand certificates were awarded.

Abigail Modra and Matthew van Heerden received silver certificates. Abigail wrote two love letters formatted as e-mails, which explored the theme of *Girl Power* and Matthew penned a moving tribute to Helena Marinowitz, celebrating her contributions to preserving Prince Albert's cultural heritage.

Michaela Steyn, Rueben Esterhuizen, Emma Maeyer, Hannah Modra, Oscar Maeyer, Michelle Mullins and William Gouws all received bronze certificates

for their wide-ranging selection of descriptive and intriguing stories and amusing poetry. We are particularly proud of Reuben and Willie's achievements, as they are second language English speakers.

We are currently writing material for the Commonwealth Jubilee Time Capsule Project. In 2012 the Commonwealth will celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and a massive history project has been launched to create the world's biggest online time capsule, recording events which took place on each day of her reign.

Albert College has registered as a 'Super School' undertaking to contribute at least one hundred and fifty pieces which will range from illustrated works by our younger children to well-researched articles by the older pupils. Even the teachers have been given topics. We are on a steep learning curve in respect of world history

during the last sixty years and will also be contributing material about our personal special days, from birthdays to sports successes, National holidays and headline events.

These competitions and events are a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to express themselves in a wide range of styles, which will stand them in good stead, not just in their examinations but also in their future careers.

Resource material from The Royal Commonwealth Society and access to material written by their peers from around the world is increasing their appreciation of various cultures and broadening their geographical knowledge.

The Jubilee Time Capsule website can be found at
www.jubileetimecapsule.org

Sosaties en sport, 'n reuse sukses!

- Dirk Visser -

Prince Albert Primêr se sportkomitee het op 8 September sy jaarlikse fondsinsameling gehou met 'n heerlike sosatiebraai. Die 'lentedag braai' het nou al 'n jaarlikse instelling geword. In die verlede is daar al vis en hoender gebraai, maar vanjaar is op sosaties en wors besluit.

Die sportkomitee se mans en nie-dosierende personeel het van vroeg oggend voor die vure gesweet om 1600 stukke wors en 800 sosaties te braai. Die geld wat ingesamel is sal weer aangewend word om sport by ons skool te bevorder. Dit sal waardeur word indien die hele dorp ons volgende jaar met ons insameling kan help en dat ons

volgende jaar 'n duisend borde kos kan verkoop.

'n Spesiale woord van dank aan Hoërskool Zwartberg se Kroonhofkoshuis en me Marike Heyns vir die hulp met reëlings, asook die gebruik van hulle fasiliteite. Dit was weereens 'n geleentheid vir leerkragte om saam te werk. Dankie vir al die ou staatmakers wat elke jaar met die braai help.

Met die entoesiasme en geesdrif wat in sport getoon word, verwag ons dat junior sport in Prince Albert net van krag-tot-krag sal groei. Nogmaals dankie vir almal wat bereid is om betrokke te raak by ons jeug.

Jason Jaftha Sportdag

- Matilda Mooneys en Charles Ewerts -

Op Saterdag, 15 Oktober, het 'n geslaagde sportdag plaasgevind op die Odendaal sportgronde. Die sportdag word elke jaar gehou onder leiding van Jason Jaftha ten behoeve van 'n organisasie in die dorp. Vir 2011 was die twee staatskole in die dorp die begunstigdes.

Reeds van vroeg-oggend af is daar gewoel en gewerskaf om alles in plek te kry vir die groot dag. Verskeie ywerige spanne het opgedaag, gereed vir aksie.

Die skole sowel as die buiteklubs was goed verteenwoordig, netbal sowel as rugby. Daar was selfs besoekers vanaf Merweville, Klaarstroom en Bridgton, Oudtshoorn. Daar was geen tekort aan entoesiastiese toeskouers nie. Aan die einde van die dag is die spanne vereer met trofee.

Prince Albert Primêr is beloon met vier bakers vir die rugbyspanne (O/9, O/10, O/13 en O/15) en drie bakers vir die netbalspanne (O/9, O/11 en O/13).

Baie dankie aan die organiseerders vir 'n puik en opwindende sportdag. Ons sien uit na volgende jaar 2012.

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Prince Albert Primêr Wiskunde Dag

- Wilfred Reed -

Op 8 September het Prince Albert Primêr in oorleg met die Wes-Kaapse Onderwys Departement (WKOD) toestemming verkry om vir 'n volle skooldag slegs wiskunde te onderrig.

Die uitsluitlike rede was om die leerders se wiskunde te verbeter, hul toepassing van wiskunde in die alledaagse lewe uit te brei en 'n liefde vir die vak by ons leerders te kweek.

Onder leiding van die wiskunde leerarea hoof het die vakspan uitgegaan en die dag beplan, sodat elke leerder by die skool betrek kan word.

Daar is besluit op slegs drie sessies: opvoedkundige wiskundige speletjies; woordprobleme en probleme waarmee leerders in die alledaagse lewe te doen kry en 'n wiskunde olimpiade.

Die sukses van die dag kan duidelik aangevoel, gesien en beleef word.

Pouse het leerders in groepies saamgedrom en wiskunde gesels! Gewone speletjies waarmee die leerders hulle pouses besig gehou het, was vir eers op die agtergrond geskuif.

Ons het nie net hierop gebou nie en danksy ons borg mnr Niel kon ons die leerders in elke graad beloon met 'n wiskundige geskenkpakkie.

Dankie aan elke leerder en onderwyser wat die dag vir ons moontlik gemaak het.

Onthou: volgende jaar maak ons weer so!



SWD Platteland Verteenwoordiging

Drie van *Willing Hearts* se lede, Jaco Hendricks, Wilfred Masoes en Claude Hendriks (hoofafrigter) het die SWD Plattelandspan verteenwoordig in vanjaar se SA Rugby Sub Uniale Rugbytoernooi in die Boland by Saldanhabaai vanaf 18 - 23 September.

Op Maandag, 19 September, het die span teen Vrystaat gespeel en kon net nie die pyp rook nie en verloor met 25 - 27.

In hul tweede wedstryd op 21 September het hulle Grens Bulldogs met

22 - 18 geklop en gekwalifiseer vir die plaatfinaal. Ongelukkig was die EP Kings te sterk en verloor hulle die wedstryd.

Die manne kan trots voel met hul vertonings vir die week!

Al drie lede het insette gelewer by 'n motiveringspraatjie op 22 September by Diazville Primêre Skool in Saldanhabaai, waar tien lede van die span uitgenooi is deur Eljie Fortuin, gewese onderwyser van Prince Albert Primêr, om hul skoolkinders te kom toespreek.

Hendriks Voltooi Vlak 2 Afrigtingskursus

Claude Hendriks, hoofafrigter van die SWD Plattelandspan en *Willing Hearts*, is besig om homself verder te bekwaam as 'n volwaardige provinsiale afrigter nadat hy gedurende

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Die Meiringspoort Marathon

- Adrie Schoeman -

Hier is die koue feite van die Marathon deur Meiringspoort op Saterdag 15 Oktober, om sewe-uur die oggend: Hulle sê vir my daar was 2,700 inskrywings - die 10 km deelnemers was 1040! Maak maar die som hoeveel 21 km hardlopers daar was... Om só 'n getal mense in die poort te sien, is al 'n ondervinding op sigself.

En dan is daar die "storie agter die storie", naamlik Prince Albert se betrokkenheid. Ek kry die indruk dat die Prince Alberters nou nie eintlik belangstel om te voet deur Meiringspoort te gaan nie, want ek kon hulle op die vingers aftel - nie eens drie hande vol nie. As daar dalk meer was, is hulle hopeloos te vinnig by my verby, want ek was heel laaste! Nou weet julle.

Matthew was die bestuurder van die Kombi met die Zwartberg Runners. Zelia het voor langs hom gesit, ek skat dit was dalk om "toesig" te hou, want agtien jaar is darem nog baie na aan kindwees. Dan was dit ek, baie na aan kindswees, en Joanna, die fiksste een, want sy het die 21 km sommer maklik afgedraf. Die ander drietjies was Hanna, Abigail en Louisa.

John McKenna verdien eervolle vermelding, want hy was die eerste Prince Alberter "in". Zelia was ook heel goed, maar sy moes blykbaar baie moeg gewees het, sy wou dan nie eens hierdie beriggie vir die *Vriend* skryf nie!

Ek sit byna die heelnag regop - doodbang ek raak nie betyds wakker nie en mis dan die hele Marathon wat my darem 'n klompie rande gekos het. Ons vertrek so halfvyf uit die dorp De Rust toe. Daar lyk dit vir my soos 'n Babelse verwarring. Ons staan in lang toue bibberend van die koue en moet in oop bees- of volstruistrokke klim.

Gelukkig was daar darem 'n soort van leertjie, anders het ek nooit daar op gekom nie. Ons word 10 km verder by die

beginpunt afgelaai en staan weer in lang toue, hierdie keer om 'n beurt te kry by die vier toilette wat daar opgesit is. En glo dit as julle wil, ons hét 'n beurt gekry en die skoot vir die wegspring hét om sewe-uur afgegaan. So in die loop loop ek toe nóg drie Prince Alberters raak: my skoon-dogter Chantal, Heila en Elsa.

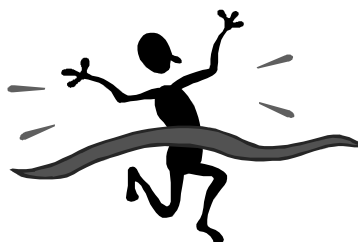
Hiervandaan was dit vet pret en baie gesellig. Die vinniges (soos Sandy, Imke en Rudi) voor, die stadiges agter. En algaande raak van die vinniges agter, en van die stadiges kom voor.

Ek self begin moeg raak weens gebrek aan slaap, gebrek aan kos, gebrek aan drank. Ek ken my "limits" en besef ek gaan dit nie "maak" nie. Maar die Schoemans se wortels lê in De Rust en ek kan mos nie toelaat dat daar nie 'n Schoeman uit Prince Albert oor die wenstreep gaan nie.

Chantal het reeds haar pas aansienlik verslap om by my te bly. Toe sê ek vir haar dat sy nou liever vooruit moet gaan. Teen 'n slakkepas stap ek nog aan, en by die 9km merk kyk ek om te sien of daar nog mense agter my aankom.

Dit was my laaste omkyk, want ek slaan toe net daar neer, feitlik langs die ambulans. Hulle het die hele dag nog niks gedoen nie, en was oorgetig, maar ek het botweg geweier om in te klim. Die twee gawe dames het toe die klein entjie na hultent met my saamgestap, waar ons lekker sit en gesels het.

So, op 76 het ek deelgeneem aan my eie wedloop - die 9 km Meiringspoort Marathon. En ek hét 'n medalje, netjies in sy plastieksakkie met 'n briefie waarop staan: "n Present van Matthew na tannie Adrie".



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Cyclists' Ninth Visit to Prince Albert



Cyclist Laurike van Huysteen tackles the Swartberg Pass (Photo: Vanessa Botha)

- Vanessa Botha -

It was that time of year again. The 55 cyclists participating in Arno Botha's 9th annual KKK Cycle Tour arrived in Prince Albert on 5 October. The group of riders that was cycling a circular route of 550km from Wilderness, via Knysna, Uniondale, De Rust, Prince Albert and Oudtshoorn, relished the chance to have a breather for two days in Prince Albert.

Their first stop was at Lah-di-dah, for a cool drink and a scrumptious burger. After cycling in driving rain and temperatures below 10°C for three days, the cyclists took the opportunity to laze about in the sunshine in the garden then dispersed to 15 different guesthouses for a clean up and a much needed rest.

African Relish hosted the group's first dinner and served up rib-sticking mashed potatoes and venison. Thanks to Jeremy,

Virna and staff for a memorable dinner. The following day was a rest day and cyclists ambled up and down Church Street exploring the town. The Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg was the venue for dinner the next night and was prepared by Johanna Luttig and her daughter, Madri. The relaxed cyclists watched the sunset on the rooftop deck before sitting down to a delicious selection of roasts and accompaniments served in the theatre.

The next morning it was back to business as the riders tackled the Swartberg Pass on their way to Oudtshoorn.

Arno Botha commented to the *Friend*: "Once again, this was a great visit to the beautiful town of Prince Albert and a big thank you to Zelia Mullins of the Tourism Office who again made my job very easy with her professionalism and patience."

The next edition of the *Prince Albert Friend* will be the last edition of 2011. After that we take a breather and reappear at the end of January 2012!

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